

ATTORNEY GENERAL — STATE LEGAL CASES — COSTS

**739. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Attorney General's unreliable answer on 18 August 2022 to a question without notice asked on 11 August 2022.

- (1) Is it the case that the Premier was found to have defamed Mr Palmer and he must bear the costs of his unsuccessful defence?
- (2) What were the costs of his unsuccessful defence?
- (3) Is it the case that Mr Palmer was found to have defamed the Premier and that he must pay the costs of the Premier's successful cross-claim but only on a party-and-party basis from 11.00 am on 22 December 2021?
- (4) What were the costs of the Premier's cross-claim up to 11.00 am on 22 December 2021?
- (5) Has a bill of costs been prepared and sent to Mr Palmer for the ordered costs of the cross-claim?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(5) The premise of the member's question is incorrect and I refer him to standing order 105(1)(b), which states that questions shall “not seek an opinion or a legal interpretation or opinion.”

I note, however, that the Federal Court of Australia published its judgement in relation to the case on 11 August 2022. Costs relating to the case are yet to be finalised and will be made publicly available once complete.