

POLICE — PROPERTY SEIZURE

404. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the recent decision in *Chen v Ortega-Lopez* in which the Supreme Court declared that warrants issued on 23 September 2020 for the seizure of documents and things were invalid and ordered that they be quashed.

- (1) Has the minister or the Commissioner of Police issued an apology to Ms Chen for the unlawful seizure of property?
- (2) Have all the documents and things unlawfully seized by the Western Australia Police Force on or about 23 September 2020 been returned?
- (3) If yes to (2) or (3), when?
- (4) What was the cost to the state to issue the invalid warrants?
- (5) What was the cost to the state to conduct the unlawful seizure of property?
- (6) What was the cost to the state in unsuccessfully defending the Supreme Court action?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises that a response to this question cannot be provided within the required time frame. The honourable member may wish to place the question on notice.