

CITY OF PERTH — INQUIRY

589. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Government's City of Perth enquiry which commenced in 2018, and the final report of which was tabled in Parliament in August 2020, and I ask:

- (a) have all actions and activities of the enquiry itself now been finalised;
- (b) if no to (a), what actions or activities are still ongoing;
- (c) what was the final cost of the enquiry;
- (d) have all of the 135 matters referred by the enquiry to 17 different Commonwealth, State and other authorities, as cited in the final report, been investigated by those authorities;
- (e) for how many of those 135 matters referenced in part (d) have those authorities finalised their investigations;
- (f) for how many of those 135 matters referenced in part (d) have charges been laid or remedial or further actions been taken;
- (g) for how many of those 135 matters referenced in part (d) has the Government received a report from the Commonwealth, State and other Authority; and
- (h) what has the Government done with any reports identified in part (g), and how many of those reports have been made public?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) While the Inquiry Panel itself has been completed, findings and recommendations made by the panel may continue to inform further work by the City of Perth or other relevant agencies.
- (b) The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) continues to monitor the progress of around 70 inquiry report recommendations which relate to the operations of the City of Perth.
- (c) The final cost of the Inquiry Panel was \$7.7m.
- (d)–(h) Any investigations by other agencies arising from a referral from the Inquiry Panel are not within the portfolio remit of the Minister for Local Government. Any such processes may be protected by confidentiality provisions of relevant legislation.

However, several of the findings and recommendations made by the Panel have informed the major package of local government reforms announced by the Minister in November last year