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**1063. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to the Treasurer's answer to question without notice 1032, asked yesterday, in which he indicated that without the \$400 household electricity credit, the quarterly consumer price index would have risen by 1.7 per cent from the previous quarter instead of declining by 0.5 per cent.

- (1) What would the September quarter 2021 to September quarter 2022 rise in CPI have been without the \$400 household electricity credit?
- (2) Will the \$400 household electricity credit have any impact on the current October to December quarter; and, if so, to what extent?
- (3) Will there be a rise in CPI in Perth as the \$400 household electricity credit exhausts?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is the expected rise as modelled by Treasury?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

Gotta love a Thursday! I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) If the McGowan government did not provide all Western Australian households with the \$400 household electricity credit, CPI would have been 2.4 per cent higher in the 12 months to September 2022. This demonstrates that the household electricity credit places downward pressure on inflation and provides real cost-of-living relief for Western Australian households. Unlike the former Liberal–National government, which delivered above-inflation increases to household fees and charges in every year of office, the McGowan government has delivered real cost-of-living relief to Western Australian households, including through decreases to household fees and charges.
- (3)–(4) Perth CPI is available in the budget papers and midyear reviews.