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\* 3328 ATTORNEY GENERAL—LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT 151—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—

- (1) What was the total cost to the public arising from the referral, consultation and preparation of the NSW Law Reform Commission Report 151: Serious racial and religious vilification?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under section 8(2) of the Law Reform Commission Act 1967 (NSW), the remuneration of part-time Commissioners is determined by the Attorney General. In practice, the Attorney General issues a remuneration determination when appointing a part-time Commissioner. Commissioners holding judicial office are not remunerated for their role on the Commission. Separate determinations have not been made in relation to specific reviews, and Commissioners work across multiple references.

The NSW Law Reform Commission and Sentencing Council Secretariat sits within the Department of Communities and Justice. Secretariat staff work flexibly, and simultaneously, across the range of reviews conducted by the Law Reform Commission and Sentencing Council. It is not possible to identify the total staffing cost of an individual review undertaken by either agency.

The Annual Reports of the Law Reform Commission and Sentencing Council contain information on the Secretariat's staffing profile over the relevant reporting periods. The Annual Reports may be accessed on their websites: <https://lawreform.nsw.gov.au/publications/annual-reports.html> and <https://sentencingcouncil.nsw.gov.au/our-work/sentencing-trends-and-practices.html>

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3387 ENVIRONMENT—BRUMBY POPULATION COUNT—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) At the Animal Welfare Committee's inquiry hearing on 31 July 2024 for the proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park, you stated that a brumby population count would be conducted in October 2024. To that end, could you please advise:
- (a) when the brumby population count was completed?
  - (b) how many brumbies were counted in the Kosciuszko National Park?
  - (c) were these numbers publicly released?
    - (i) If not, why?

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