

MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

88. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to Legislative Council questions without notice 24 and 58 regarding the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform.

- (1) How many of the committee members currently reside in regional Western Australia?
- (2) Are any of the committee members previous or current members of the Labor Party or staff to Labor members of Parliament?
- (3) On what date or dates did the minister consult with the Electoral Commissioner in relation to the establishment of the expert committee?
- (4) Why is the Electoral Commissioner not considered an expert on electoral affairs and represented on the committee?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

- (1) None.
- (2) No committee member is currently a member of the Labor Party. I table their CVs.

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- (3) The minister has spoken to or met with the Electoral Commissioner on more than one occasion since being appointed Minister for Electoral Affairs. The last meeting was on 1 April 2021, and electoral reform was discussed at that time. The commissioner was notified in writing of the cabinet decision to establish the expert committee on 30 April 2021.
- (4) The Electoral Commissioner is an expert and will be consulted in relation to the committee's recommendations to the government.