ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023 —
DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

1463.   Hon WILSON TUCKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I know that this question may be ruled out of order, but we will see how we go. I refer to the proposed disclosure requirements of the Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023, and I note recent reporting of a planned Labor Party fundraiser advertising tickets for $6 000 a person or $10 000 to sit next to former Premier Hon Mark McGowan.

(1)   Will political parties hosting such events be required to disclose individual ticket sales within seven days?

(2)   Will in-kind contributions, such as bottles of Penfolds Grange wine, be subject to the same disclosure requirements?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I might say that if the member thinks the question is out of order, he might not want to ask it in the first place. In any event, I shall provide the answer that has been provided to me by the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

(1)   If the amount or value of the gift exceeds the specified amount, which will commence at $2 600 and be indexed annually thereafter, the political party will be required to disclose it to the Western Australian Electoral Commission. If a gift involves inadequate consideration, such as the purchase of a ticket to a fundraiser for which a meal and drinks are provided, the amount or value of the gift for the purpose of disclosure is the difference between the consideration provided—the meal, drinks et cetera—and the value of the gift, which is the ticket price.

(2)   The definition of a gift includes a disposition of property made by a person to another person without consideration in money or money's worth or with inadequate consideration.

Note that the commencement date for the bill, once passed, is 1 July 2024.