

LEGAL AFFAIRS — FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2022

642. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Freedom of Information Amendment Regulations 2022*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about these amendments to the regulations;
- (b) who was consulted prior to these amendment regulations being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to (c), what were these concerns;
- (e) have the finalised amendment regulations addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) The Freedom of Information Amendment Regulations 2022 (WA) (Amendment Regulations) support the operation of the Arts Culture and Trust Act 2021 (WA) (the Act), which received Royal Assent on 9 September 2021. The Minister for Culture and the Arts requested the consequential amendment to the Freedom of Information Regulations 1993 (WA) (FOI Regulations) to remove the Perth Theatre Trust and replace it with the new Arts and Culture Trust.
- (b) The amendment to the FOI Regulations is administrative in nature and as such no formal external consultation was undertaken outside of the Department of Justice and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
- (c) No.
- (d)–(f) N/A.