

PRIVACY LEGISLATION

1020. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to my previous questions without notice 836, 874 and 910 seeking a time frame for long overdue privacy legislation. I note that my requests, and those of the media, have been met with claims of “cabinet-in-confidence”. I congratulate the Attorney General for his commitment to privacy, even if it extends only to the progress of his own reform agenda. Will the Attorney General undertake to comply with section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006 with regard to my previous questions on privacy legislation?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question—perhaps not the intemperate nature of it!

The McGowan government remains committed to introducing a comprehensive framework to protect personal privacy. As is the longstanding convention of successive governments, matters regarding legislative reform are decisions of cabinet and are cabinet-in-confidence. The Attorney General will provide the information as soon as he is able to, in accordance with the cabinet process.