

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER — FUNDING

**1243. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Office of the Information Commissioner's recent annual report.

Does the government agree with the commissioner's request that a position of deputy commissioner be created to, among other matters, address the large external review backlog?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

As part of the 2023–24 budget, the government approved an additional \$1.7 million for additional resources to address workload pressures and reduce the backlog of external reviews under the Freedom of Information Act. A further \$1.4 million funding was also provided for the Office of the Information Commissioner for integrated case management and an electronic document and records management system to build efficiencies within the office to address workload pressures.