

MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

**89. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:**

To continue that deep, deep vein of questioning, I refer to the government's expedient decision to prioritise electoral reform of the Legislative Council despite the Premier ruling this out repeatedly during the election.

- (1) Was it cabinet's decision to break an election promise and overturn Hon Jim McGinty's legislation or was this decision taken by the Premier and Minister for Electoral Affairs alone?
- (2) Did the Minister for Electoral Affairs devise the construction and membership of the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform and when was this decision taken and how was it communicated to members of the committee?
- (3) Who drafted the committee's terms of reference; for example, were the members of the committee consulted in the process?

**The PRESIDENT:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General—I think there is probably one part of that question in relation to a matter dealt before cabinet that you probably will not be able to provide a response to.

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

Thank you, Madam President. I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answers on behalf of the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

- (1) No election promise has been broken.
- (2) I refer the member to Legislative Council question without notice 24, which previously answers the first limb of this question. In relation to the second limb of this question, members were advised in writing on 29 April 2021.
- (3) Members of the committee were consulted during the drafting process and there is no present intention to extend the deadline.