

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Protection of Information (Entry Registration Information Relating to COVID-19 and Other Infectious Diseases) Bill 2021 — Committee of the Whole House — Personal Explanation

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.07 pm] — by leave:
It has come to my attention that during the course of the Committee of the Whole House stage of the debate on the Protection of Information (Entry Registration Information Relating to COVID-19 and Other Infectious Diseases) Bill 2021 on Thursday, 17 June 2021, I provided a response that was not correct. During the course of the proceedings in committee, I was asked about the availability of WA police advisers to provide advice to me at the table. I provided a response based on the advice available to me at the table to the effect that WA police had been contacted and that they had advised that they did not have available anyone senior enough who was familiar with the matter. I have now become aware that this response, while provided in good faith, was not correct and only contact with the office of the Minister for Police as to the availability of police advisers was made and WA police was not contacted on that day as to the availability of advisers. I apologise to the house for providing incorrect information.