

MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

82. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to an article published in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* on 5 May 2021 titled “MP Kyle McGinn says he will listen to his electorate before making any decisions on electoral reform”.

- (1) Given the comments of the recently elevated Labor frontbencher, will Labor MPs be able to express their vote freely and in response to their electorates’ views on any proposed electoral reform?
- (2) If no to (1), why does Hon Kyle McGinn appear to be misguided about his ability to vote in the interests of his electorate, rather than his party?
- (3) I note that the terms of reference for the ministerial expert committee cite the term of appointment as eight weeks from cabinet appointment. What was the date of cabinet appointment?
- (4) What is the cost of the ministerial expert committee to date and the expected total cost?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Just as in the Nationals WA party room, all members of the Labor caucus are entitled to freely express their views in caucus and vote in accordance with them.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The parliamentary secretary is providing a response to the question that was asked; let him provide it, please.

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN: Thank you, Madam President.

- (3) On 28 April 2021.
- (4) Costs to date and final costs are currently being determined.