

CONVERSION PRACTICES — LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

1165. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the WA government's planned reform of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 and the Gender Reassignment Act 2000 and its plan to ban the use of conversion practices. For each reform —

- (1) Has legislation to address these reforms been drafted?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the government commit to legislating reform to the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 and Gender Reassignment Act 2000 and to banning the use of conversion practices in this term of government?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Cook government remains committed to reform of the Equal Opportunity Act and the Gender Reassignment Act and implementing the recommendations of the inquiry into the Esther Foundation, which included banning conversion practices and establishing a civil response scheme with supports for survivors. These complex reforms are under development.