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DATA PROTECTION — LEGISLATION

80. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I believe someone will answer on the minister's behalf.

The PRESIDENT: The Leader of the House has the matter in hand, I understand.

Hon WILSON TUCKER: In 2019, the government announced that it would consult on new data privacy legislation, and, in 2022, that a bill was being drafted. Since 2019, there have been repeated high-profile data breaches, including the accidental or malicious breach of state government agency data. When can the public expect the government to introduce a bill that will protect their private data?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

Drafting of the privacy and responsible information sharing legislation is still in progress. The timing for the introduction of legislation in the WA Parliament is a matter for cabinet to determine.