

LAW REFORMS — DERIVATIVE ACTION

**211. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the decision of Justice Martin in *Georgina Shephard v Tuanie Paul Galea and Carmen Byrne* [2019] WASC 164 regarding the derivative action brought by the plaintiff and, in particular, Justice Martin's comment, "In my view, the law is in need of some serious and urgent ... reform here."

- (1) Does the Attorney General intend to introduce reforms to prevent the circumstances of the Shephard case?
- (2) If yes, what is the current status of these intended reforms?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(2) The Attorney General's office has asked the Department of Justice to provide advice on the matters raised in the decision referred to by the honourable member. Any decision on whether to introduce reform will be made after that advice is received.