

POLITICAL PARTIES — INCORPORATION

646. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to my inaugural speech on 14 June 2023.

- (1) How many political parties registered with the Western Australian Electoral Commission are incorporated and what are their names?
- (2) How many political parties registered with the Western Australian Electoral Commission are unincorporated and what are their names?
- (3) When does the minister intend to introduce to Parliament a bill to amend the Electoral Act 1907 to require political parties to be incorporated as a condition of registration?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

- (1)–(2) Not applicable. The Western Australian Electoral Commission is unable to provide this information as there is no legislative obligation under the Electoral Act for the parties to inform the commission of exemptions or applications for incorporation. Further, there is no legislative requirement for the commission to obtain, record or retain such information.
- (3) The government does not intend to introduce legislation to require political parties to be incorporated as a condition of registration.