

PRIVACY LEGISLATION — POLITICAL PARTIES

1328. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to a report in *The West Australian* today that revealed that WA Labor electorate officers are collecting private information from constituents, including potentially private medical information, and entering it into the Labor Party's campaign central database. In light of this troubling revelation, will the government's review of privacy legislation be expanded to include the use of private information by political parties?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice —

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! It is question time, not cross-chamber chatter.

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN: Thank you, President. As I was saying before I was rudely interrupted by others, I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

As has been the case for decades, all registered political parties and members of Parliament are provided with regular updates to the electoral roll for their electorate, as per the Electoral Act. This information is part of the electoral management system to assist members of Parliament to manage constituent inquiries and workflow in their offices, and to communicate with their electorates to serve their communities.