MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

534.   Hon WILSON TUCKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer the minister to the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform.

(1)   On what date did the minister first approach each member of the committee to seek their participation, and on what date did each member accept the minister's offer?

(2)   Was chairmanship determined by resolution of the committee or by appointment by the minister?

(3)   Who determined the terms of reference for the committee, and on what date were they finalised?

(4)   Can all correspondence between the minister and the committee members relating to the formation and terms of reference of the committee please be tabled?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

(1)   As per the response to Legislative Council question without notice 104, the minister met with committee members on 1 and 8 April and has had telephone discussions with all of them. He initially sought their availability to undertake the review, which they subsequently confirmed.

(2)   As per the response to Legislative Council question without notice 24, the minister appointed the chair based on his significant legal experience and his understanding of the Western Australian constitutional system as a former Governor of the state.

(3)   As per the response to Legislative Council question without notice 104, the members of the committee were consulted on the terms of reference. The terms of reference were finalised by the minister shortly prior to the announcement of the inquiry on 29 April 2021.

(4)   As per the response to Legislative Council question without notice 104, correspondence between the minister and the members of the committee was tabled in this house on 12 May 2021.