

CHARITABLE TRUSTS — AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS

1385. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to my question without notice on 17 October 2023, which revealed that the Attorney General had referred two charitable trusts to the Western Australian Charitable Trusts Commission for investigation.

- (1) On what date did those referrals take place?
- (2) What are the names of the two trusts being investigated?
- (3) Will the Attorney General table the referrals?
- (4) Given the calls during the recent federal referendum campaign, and since, for a forensic audit of spending on Indigenous issues, does the Attorney General intend to refer any further charitable trusts to the Western Australian Charitable Trusts Commission so that an audit of accounts can be carried out?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer, which was submitted on 18 October 2023, has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) On 17 July 2023.
- (2) The Noongar Charitable Trust and the Aboriginal Housing Foundation.
- (3) Yes, I table a copy of the referral.

[See paper [2784](#).]

- (4) Under the legislation, a person may make a complaint about a charitable trust or class of charitable trusts, not just those charitable trusts related to Indigenous groups, to the Attorney General or the Western Australian Charitable Trusts Commission. The Attorney General will refer a complaint to the Western Australian Charitable Trusts Commission for investigation when appropriate to do so.