

MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

**195. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:**

I refer to government's electoral reform review, which was, and I quote, "not on the agenda", immediately prior to the last election.

- (1) Please identify the person or persons who drafted the discussion paper.
- (2) Was the discussion paper approved by the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform; and, if so, on what date?
- (3) How many submissions were received by the committee prior to the release of the discussion paper?
- (4) Is the government yet in a position to advise the Legislative Council of the cost of the expert review process?
- (5) How is the government advertising or intending to advertise the establishment of the review and the request for public submissions, and what budget has been allocated for this purpose?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

- (1)–(2) The discussion paper was drafted by the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform.
- (3) Over 50 submissions have been received. Approximately 28 were received prior to release of the discussion paper.
- (4) The cost of the review is yet to be finalised and will be reported to Parliament in the usual manner when determined.
- (5) *The West Australian* and all regional newspapers have been contacted and provided with information about the committee and the discussion paper. Paid advertisements in *The West Australian* commenced from Saturday, 1 May 2020. The committee has a public website at [waelectoralreform.wa.gov.au](http://waelectoralreform.wa.gov.au) that includes details on committee members, the terms of reference, the discussion paper and public submissions as they are processed. The chair of the committee has also spoken publicly about the work of the committee on the ABC 720 morning show. I refer the member to answer (4) above regarding costs.