

VOICE REFERENDUM

596. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to Premier Cook's stated intention to campaign in favour of changing the Australian Constitution to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

- (1) Is the Premier aware that on 9 May 2023, a petition was tabled containing 7 489 signatures calling on the then Premier to deliver to Parliament, within 14 days of the petition being tabled, all briefing notes and similar documents he received on the proposed Voice prior to him making his public declaration of support?
- (2) Since becoming Premier, has the Premier seen the advice his predecessor received on the Voice?
- (3) So that all Western Australians might be privy to the same level of detail about the proposed constitutional amendment before making their decision, will the Premier table the last three briefing notes that Hon Roger Cook has received, whether as Premier or Deputy Premier, about the proposed Voice?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The WA government supports changing the Australian Constitution to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The priority and focus right now for the WA government is to ensure the referendum is successful. All Western Australians will have the opportunity to vote at the referendum later this year.