

HWL EBSWORTH — DATA BREACH

1093. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I refer the minister to a media release by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia dated 30 June 2023 regarding the hacking of law firm HWL Ebsworth, which manages over 300 motor vehicle insurances claims, and a statement by the commission —

The details of the data that has been accessed are not yet known and these are part of a live investigation the Insurance Commission is actively supporting.

- (1) Which agency of government is carrying out the investigation to which the commission refers?
- (2) What is the status of the investigation?
- (3) If that investigation is complete —
 - (a) when was it completed; and,
 - (b) what were its findings?
- (4) When does the government intend to introduce legislation to reform Western Australia’s data privacy and security laws?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. Honourable member, questions relating to the Insurance Commission of Western Australia should ordinarily be asked of the Treasurer and the “prees” given through me; however, I have provided a coordinated response between the two offices.

- (1) HWL Ebsworth is undertaking the investigation.
- (2) The investigation is ongoing.
- (3) (a)–(b) Not applicable.
- (4) Drafting of this complex piece of legislation continues.