

DATA PRIVACY LEGISLATION

234. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I note that the WA student assistance payment scheme requires parents to download the ServiceWA app to claim their payment. I also note previous concerns over the handling of data collected through WA government apps, including the use of COVID check-in data for non-health-related purposes and the lack of information security controls over the WA Health's public health COVID-19 unified system, as highlighted by the Auditor General. It has been almost five years since consultation on new data privacy legislation began. Are we likely to see any such legislation before the parliamentary term ends and the Attorney General retires?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

The timing for the introduction of legislation in the WA Parliament is a matter for cabinet to determine.