

MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM — FOI REQUEST

787. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to correspondence to me from the Attorney General dated 2 August 2022 concerning a freedom of information request in the following terms, being “Correspondence between the Office of the Attorney General and all members of the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform”, noting that the Attorney General denied access to over 20 correspondences on the basis “the document contains information, the release of which would infringe upon the privileges of Parliament”.

- (1) Will the minister undertake to provide the correspondences as listed in the FOI response to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges to determine whether those correspondences should be released to me?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs. I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

- (1)–(2) The Attorney General is under no obligation to do so. I note that the member has the right to seek external review of any freedom of information decision.