

VOLUNTEERING — VOLUNTEERING COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

4171. Mr P.J. Rundle to the Minister for Volunteering:

I refer to the Volunteering Community Reference Group announced in the media statement on 21 February, and I ask:

- (a) how many times has the reference group met, and on what dates;
- (b) has the reference group discussed volunteer attrition rates;
- (c) will the Minister please table any agendas prepared for Volunteering Community Reference Group Meetings;
- (d) what recommendations has the reference group made to the Minister and have any of these recommendations been implemented;
- (e) what solutions has the reference group offered to increase volunteer numbers across the State; and
- (f) does the reference group have a final reporting date?

Mr M.P. Murray replied:

- (a) The Volunteering Community Reference Group has formally met on four occasions: 6 December 2017; 12 February 2018; 7 May 2018; and 10 September 2018.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes, with personal information redacted. [See tabled paper no 2037.]
- (d) No recommendations have yet been made.
- (e) The Group has considered a range of strategies to increase volunteer numbers, including:
Oversight of the development of the Department of Communities publication, Volunteer Checks: Information for WA Volunteer Involving Organisations; supporting the appropriate assessment and management of people with police records applying for volunteer positions, and will be reviewing Volunteering WA's research paper, Prospective Volunteers with Police Records; contributed to a draft policy regarding Public Sector Employee Volunteering produced by Volunteering WA; and investigating insurance requirements for volunteers and Volunteering Involving Organisations to remove potential barriers.
- (f) No, the work of the Volunteering Community Reference Group is ongoing.