

CYBERSECURITY POLICY

**1451. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:**

I note the Australian Cyber Security Centre's most recent *Cyber threat report*, published this morning, and the 23 per cent increase in reported cybercrimes since last year. I further note the more diligent reporting of cybercrime in Queensland and Victoria compared with Western Australia.

- (1) To date, how much has been allocated from the digital capability fund towards improving cybersecurity capabilities in WA?
- (2) Other than the services provided by the Consumer Protection division, what role does the WA government play in educating and supporting our critical industries to prepare for, respond to and report cybercrime?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) To date, \$69 million has been allocated from the digital capability fund for specific cybersecurity capability involvement. The digital capability fund has also contributed to improving cybersecurity by investing in the upgrade of legacy systems. To date, \$323 million has been allocated to projects in the improving digital foundations investment category.
- (2) Both the Western Australian and commonwealth governments play a role in educating and supporting critical industries in relation to cybersecurity. The WA government does this through the Cyber Security Operations Centre, implementing the cyber incident response framework and supporting the implementation of baseline technical controls and policy requirements. Additionally, efforts include promoting cybersecurity awareness through training and conducting incident response exercises with essential service providers in sectors such as energy and water.