

TEACHER REGISTRATION ACT — REVIEW

Statement by Minister for Education and Training

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Minister for Education and Training) [1.03 pm]: Earlier in 2018, the Department of Education's higher education and legislative review directorate undertook a statutory review of the Teacher Registration Act 2012 pursuant to the requirement of the act. The review considered the operation and effectiveness of the act and regulations, the effectiveness of the make-up and operations of the board, the need for the continuation of the functions of the board, and the need for amendments to the act. The Department of Education was assisted by a stakeholder reference group that included representatives from Catholic Education Western Australia, the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia, the State School Teachers' Union of WA, the Independent Education Union of WA and a ministerial nominee, Ms Sabine Winton, MLA, member for Wanneroo. Twenty-four submissions were also received.

The comprehensive report contains 78 recommendations covering elements of the act and regulations that deal with registration coverage, categories and requirements, renewal and transition, disciplinary matters, impairment matters, enforcement powers, fees, composition of the board and other areas. To progress the review's recommendations, I have established a strategic implementation group to consider the impacts and implications of each recommendation, which of those I should implement, consider legal advice, assess implementation issues, and propose an implementation time frame. The strategic implementation group includes representatives from the same organisations represented on the stakeholder reference group, with the addition of a representative from the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia. The strategic implementation group will report back to me by the end of October. I table the report.

[See paper 1767.]