

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1996 — ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

1072. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer the minister to the Emergency Management Amendment (Temporary COVID-19 Provisions) Act 2022, which received assent on 21 October 2022.

- (1) Upon gazettal, will current access to the provisions contained in clause 14C of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, which allow greater flexibility to hold meetings electronically during a state of emergency, cease to be immediately available to local governments?
- (2) If no to (1), for how long will these provisions remain available?
- (3) Given that we are still working through COVID and new strains are being reported around the globe, does the minister propose to introduce any other mechanism, outside of a state of emergency, to update the electronic meeting provisions in the act?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The government is working to transition the current provisions of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 related to electronic meetings to exist under the Emergency Management Amendment (Temporary COVID-19 Provisions) Act 2022. As part of the McGowan government's local government reforms, permanent amendments for electronic meetings are being progressed, as well as new requirements for the live-streaming and recording of council meetings.