

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT — REVIEW

1319. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's media statement "WA's anti-discrimination laws set for overhaul" three and a half months ago on 16 August 2022.

- (1) Has the new Equal Opportunity Act been drafted, and when does the government plan to introduce it to Parliament?
- (2) Will the government commit to abolishing the Gender Reassignment Board?
- (3) Will the government act on birth certificate reforms, a reform that was originally called for in 2018 with Project 108?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(3) The rewrite of Western Australia's outdated Equal Opportunity Act will be a significant social reform of this government. The government is aiming to introduce the new bill during the first half of the 2023 parliamentary year noting, however, that it is a large and complex task. The final bill, including the full impact on the functions of the Gender Reassignment Board, is still subject to drafting and cabinet-in-confidence.