

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

1939. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General:

I refer to birth certificates, and I ask:

- (a) why are birth certificates issued;
- (b) why is the biological sex of a newborn registered on a birth certificate;
- (c) will the Government rule out including gender on birth certificates;
- (d) if no to , why not;
- (e) will the Government rule out introducing separate gender certificates; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a)–(f) As required under the Birth Deaths and Marriages Act, the birth of a child is recorded by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in accordance with the information provided by the child’s parent(s). A birth certificate issued by the Registrar includes the registered sex of a child.

There will be no change to the way in which a child’s sex at birth is recorded or displayed on a birth certificate under any reform dealing with gender recognition.

The Cook Government is committed to repealing the Gender Reassignment Act 2000 and abolishing the Gender Reassignment Board. The proposed reforms will take into account the extensive 2018 review and report by the WA Law Reform Commission.

The Cook Government will continue to work alongside the LGBTIQ+ community to deliver positive outcomes.