

CONVERSION PRACTICES — LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

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

I refer to Premier Cook’s comments at a press conference in Albany on 5 February 2024 that defining conversion practices in a statutory sense is “very difficult”.

- (1) Why is it very difficult in Western Australia to do this, when the Victorian Labor government passed gold-standard laws three years to the day before the Premier made those comments?
- (2) How is defining conversion practices different in WA when compared with Victoria?

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)–(2) The Cook government remains committed to banning conversion practices in Western Australia, and legislation to implement the ban is currently under development. It is important that the legislation is not merely a cut-and-paste from other laws but takes into account the context of the Western Australians the laws will be designed to protect. Consultation with the LGBTIQ+ community and victim-survivors has commenced, and the legislation will be introduced to Parliament as soon as it is ready.