

POLITICAL PARTIES — INCORPORATION

1677. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Commerce:

How many political parties were incorporated under state legislation (including, without limitation, the *Associations Incorporation Act 1895 (WA)* (1895 Act), the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA)*, the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and any versions of these Acts), and what were their names, at each of:

- (a) each state general election on and from the state general election in 1890 to now, or from whichever state election is possible to now;
- (b) or if this is not possible, each state general election on and from the state general election in 1950 to now, or from whichever state election is possible to now;
- (c) or if this is not possible, the last ten state general elections;
- (d) or if this is not possible, the last nine state general elections;
- (e) or if this is not possible, the last eight state general elections;
- (f) or if this is not possible, the last seven state general elections;
- (g) or if this is not possible, the last six state general elections;
- (h) or if this is not possible, the last five state general elections;
- (i) or if this is not possible, the last four state general elections;
- (j) or if this is not possible, the last three state general elections;
- (k) or if this is not possible, the last two state general elections; and
- (l) if this is not possible, the last state general election?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

This amount of detailed information is not readily available and would require considerable time to collate and prepare, which would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this level of information. I am not prepared to devote further resources to collate the enormous amount of detail requested.