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POLICE — STATE SECURITY INVESTIGATION GROUP

972. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the Western Australia Police Force state security investigation group.

- (1) What is the process by which an individual or group can be referred to the SSIG?
- (2) Is there an oversight, review or like committee that makes that determination, and what is the name of that committee or entity?
- (3) What legislation governs that committee or entity and which sections?
- (4) What is the membership of that committee or entity and how are members appointed?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises the following.

- (1) Referrals made to the state security investigation group come from a wide range of areas, depending on the nature of the information and its relevance to the SSIG operational charter.
- (2) Yes, oversight is provided through an internal supervisory chain of command.
- (3) There is no defined legislation for the committee or entity.
- (4) Members are appointed due to their positions and ranks.