

COOK GOVERNMENT — FABIANISM

**1337. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to an article by Paul Murray in *The West Australian* of 24 June 2023 that highlights the tendency of the Labor government to ram through changes that are radical yet downplayed as modest, which Mr Murray links to the leftist ideology of Fabian socialism, which ultimately seeks to eradicate capitalism through the usually deceptive introduction of socialism by stealth.

- (1) Is the Premier or any members of his cabinet members of the Australian Fabians or the UK Fabian Society; or are any of the aforementioned people on the Australian Fabians' mailing list?
- (2) Does the Premier, having dispensed with moderate unaligned Labor leaders like Hon Alannah MacTiernan and Hon Mark McGowan, intend to transform WA into a socialist state through Fabianism?
- (3) If no to (1) and (2), given the inherently deceptive nature of Fabianism, does the Premier acknowledge that those would be the expected answers if there were a Fabian plot to introduce socialism by stealth in WA?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

Oh, God. Sixteen months.

- (1)–(3) I do not accept the premise of the question.