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VOICE REFERENDUM

146. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Premier's stated intention to campaign in favour of changing the Constitution to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

- (1) Has the Premier been briefed on which chapter of the Constitution will be amended to include the Voice?
- (2) If yes, which of the eight chapters will be amended?
- (3) So that all Western Australians might be privy to the same level of detail about the proposed constitutional amendment before making their decision, will the Premier table the last briefing note he received about the Voice prior to making his public declaration of support?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

(1)–(3) The McGowan government supports changing the Australian Constitution to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Information on the referendum on whether to update the Constitution is publicly available. The structure and role of the Voice would be decided by the Australian Parliament through legislation.