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**The Hon Roger Cook MLA  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Health; Mental Health**

Our Ref: 60-07904

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

*Mat,*

Thank you for your letter dated 21 March 2018 regarding Petition No. 32, submitted to the Legislative Council on induced premature births in Western Australia (WA) from Mr Dwight Allan Randall, President of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Life.

I appreciate the importance of this matter and that views on termination of pregnancy can be very strong.

In WA, there are strict governance processes in place for the management of abortions. The service is provided in accordance with the legal requirements set out in Section 334 of the *Health Act 1911 (WA)* and also in accordance with the guidelines for the provision of safe abortion for women provided by the World Health Organisation.

For this reason I will not be recommending a review on the process or an inquiry into individual cases.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

  
**HON ROGER COOK MLA  
DEPUTY PREMIER  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH**

- 9 APR 2018