

BRIEF MINISTERIAL STATEMENT
MINISTER FOR ELECTORAL AFFAIRS
Special Inquiry Implementation Plan

I would like to provide a progress update on implementation of the recommendations of the *Special Inquiry into the Planning and Delivery of the 2025 Western Australia State General Election*.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) has released its formal response, confirming its support for the recommendations and commitment to implementing them.

A dedicated project manager has been appointed and I can also confirm the WAEC and the Department of Treasury and Finance have commenced working together on the development of a flexible funding model that will support effective election delivery.

I'm also pleased to advise that many of the Special Inquirer's recommendations, relating to the training of temporary election workers and returning officers, were adopted during the recent Local Government Elections.

For anyone wishing to follow its implementation journey, the WAEC has launched a series of dedicated pages on its website to enable the tracking of progress on each recommendation, including current focus areas and expected completion timelines.

The pages are now live on the WAEC's website and can be accessed from the homepage at www.elections.wa.gov.au.

The Special Inquirer's first recommendation was that consideration be given to the establishment of a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. I thank Opposition representatives and party leaders in both Houses for their engagement over the past few months, exploring the possible shape and remit of such a committee in consultation with the Leader of the Government in the other place and me. In response to your requests for further advice on some aspects of the proposal, the Hon Stephen Dawson and I expect to receive advice to share with you very shortly.

I will continue to provide updates to the House on significant milestones and implementation progress.

Finally, I'd like to thank WAEC staff. They concluded work on the 2025 State General Election and have delivered the 2025 Local Government Elections, all during what has been a very challenging time involving changes within the leadership team and a great deal of public interest and scrutiny.

They have thrown their support behind Dennis O'Reilly, the Acting Electoral Commissioner, and Rebecca Hamilton, the Acting Deputy Electoral Commissioner. I also thank Dennis and Rebecca for their efforts.

Thank you.

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