

BAIL ACT — AMENDMENTS

**710. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to comments from the Attorney General reported by ABC news on 11 December 2020 that indicate that, following the death of Annaliese Ugle, proposed amendments to the Bail Act 1982 were prepared to ensure that, when a person has been convicted of an offence, by either a plea of guilty or a verdict of a jury, the presumption will be that the offender will be remanded in custody awaiting sentence, and that the protection of vulnerable children would be given the utmost priority.

- (1) On what date on or before 11 December 2020 were instructions given to prepare the proposed amendments?
- (2) Have any revised drafts been prepared on or after 11 December 2020?
- (3) What is the date of the most recent draft?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1) The Department of Justice provided drafting instructions for proposed amendments to the Bail Act 1982 to parliamentary counsel on 17 December 2020.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The Department of Justice received the most recent draft on 3 September 2021.