

LEGAL AFFAIRS — AMENDMENT REGULATIONS

684. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Criminal Procedure Act 2004*; *Freedom of Information Act 1992*; *Legal Profession Act 2008* (*Attorney General Regulations Amendment (Work Health and Safety) Regulations 2022*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about these amendments to the regulations;
- (b) who was consulted prior to these amendment regulations being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to (c), what were these concerns;
- (e) have the finalised amendment regulations addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (a) The Attorney General Regulations Amendment (Work Health and Safety) Regulations 2022 (Amendment Regulations) were required as a consequence of the commencement of the Work Health and Safety Act 2020. The Amendment Regulations are mechanical in nature and update existing references to government departments, statutory bodies and legislation, or insert new references into the Criminal Procedure Regulations 2005, the Freedom of Information Regulations 1993 and the Legal Profession Regulations 2009, as required.
- (b) The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety conducted extensive consultation during the preparation of the Work Health and Safety Act 2020 and coordinated the amendment of some 15 sets of regulations across various portfolios to support the Act. The Department of Justice consulted with the Office of the Information Commissioner in relation to the amendments to the Freedom of Information Regulations 1993. The Information Commissioner indicated that she had no objection to the amendments.
- (c) No issues were raised in relation to the Department of Justice's consultations.
- (d)–(f) N/A.