

MAGISTRATES COURT RULES AMENDMENT (LEGAL PROFESSION) RULES 2022

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

I refer to the *Magistrates Court Rules Amendment (Legal Profession) Rules 2022*, and I ask:

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

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) These amendments have arisen as a consequence of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2022* repealing the *Legal Profession Act 2008*, and introducing the Legal Profession Uniform Law scheme in Western Australia. This necessitated amendments to the *Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Rules 2005*, the *Magistrates Court (General) Rules 2005* and the *Magistrates Court (Minor Cases Procedure) Rules 2005*.
- (b) The State Solicitor's Office consulted with the Chief Magistrate of the Magistrates Court of Western Australia in relation to these consequential amendments, prior to His Honour making the amendment rules.
- (c) No.
- (d)–(f) Not applicable.