

ATTORNEY GENERAL — UNFAIR DISMISSAL CASE

805. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's intervention on behalf of the state to question the power of the Public Service Appeal Board to summons people—namely the Minister for Health—to give evidence in a legal stoush between the member and his sacked staff.

- (1) When he intervened, did he inquire whether a summons to appear had been made in other matters considered by the Public Service Appeal Board?
- (2) If they have, what are the consequences for those matters, given the Attorney General has clearly said that the board does not have the power to summons.

Mr J.R. QUIGLEY replied:

- (1)–(2) No; I did not make other inquiries about any other summonses. I received advice from the Solicitor-General that the board or the registrar did not have statutory power to issue the summons requested and was advised by the Solicitor-General that in those circumstances it would be appropriate to intervene and for the Solicitor-General to make a written submission.