

PUBLIC SECTOR STANDARDS, INVESTIGATION OF STAFF SELECTION PROCESSES IN MINISTRY
OF JUSTICE

545. Mr RIEBELING to the Minister for Public Sector Management:

- (1) Is the Public Sector Standards Commissioner investigating a complaint in the Ministry of Justice concerning the acceptance of a late application for a position in the Ministry of Justice?
- (2) If so, has the complaint been investigated?
- (3) Has the Commissioner or his office made any findings in relation to the complaint?
- (4) Have those findings been published?
- (5) Will they be published?
- (6) If not why not?
- (7) Has the investigation been completed?
- (8) If not, why not?
- (9) What has been the delay in completing the investigation?
- (10) Will the Parliament be provided with a copy of the report of the investigation?
- (11) If not why not?

Mr COURT replied:

The Commissioner for Public Sector Standards advises:

- (1) Yes
- (2) The allegation is under investigation
- (3)-(4) No
- (5) If a breach is established, the Commissioner may elect to report the outcome to the Minister for Justice and Parliament.
- (6) The Commissioner only reports findings of an investigation where he establishes that a breach has occurred.
- (7) No
- (8) The Commissioner is considering information obtained from the Ministry of Justice.
- (9) There has been no delay in finalising the investigation.
- (10) In accordance with s.21 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994, the Commissioner for Public Sector Standards may provide a report to the relevant Minister and/or both Houses of Parliament where a breach is established.
- (11) The Commissioner for Public Sector Standards has not, as yet, established a breach.