

SUPREME COURT TRIALS

**1389. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

This question is dated 21 September. I refer to the pressures on the operation of the criminal justice system in Western Australia.

- (1) How many Supreme Court trials have been conducted in the District Court building this year?
- (2) What were those trials, which courtrooms did they use and how long did these trials last?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been given to me by the Attorney General, and it was correct as at 21 September 2023.

- (1) The Supreme Court has conducted 18 trials in the District Court building in the year to date, 1 January 2023 until 21 September 2023.
- (2) These hearings included 15 trials by jury, two judge alone trials and one trial of issues. The Supreme Court utilises courtrooms 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4. In addition, courtroom 5.1 has been utilised this year. The average length of the trials that proceeded is 8.1 days. A summary of the primary offences heard are murder, manslaughter and drug offences.