

CHILDREN'S COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA — PRESIDENT — APPOINTMENT

**219. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Attorney General's media release on 11 March 2022 announcing the appointment of District Court Judge Hylton Quail as President of the Children's Court of Western Australia for a three-year second term.

- (1) Other than the high profile complaint of bullying, did the Attorney General receive any other complaints about the president during his two-year first term?
- (2) On what date prior to 11 March 2022 did the Attorney General conclude his investigation into the most recent complaint against the president?
- (3) Was the final outcome of that investigation that the complaint had not been substantiated?
- (4) Other than the high profile complaint of evidence tampering, did the Attorney General receive any other complaints from the president about other judicial officers during his first term?
- (5) If yes to (1) or (4), how many?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer based on information provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(5) The Attorney General has not received any complaints of the type described. The matters were asserted in the Supreme Court as part of litigation that was ultimately discontinued at the request of the plaintiff.