

CHILDREN'S COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA ACT — REVIEW

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

I refer to the 70 recommendations made in the statutory review of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 undertaken by the Department of Communities in 2017, and note the recent advice to the house from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Child Protection that recommendations 27 through to 34 fall under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General as they intersect with Family Court proceedings.

- (1) Has any work been undertaken by the Department of Justice in relation to these recommendations?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Attorney General table the most recent document created as part of that work?
- (3) When was the Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988 last reviewed?
- (4) When was the Young Offenders Act 1994 last reviewed?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(3) Work has recently commenced and is now currently being undertaken by the Department of Justice in respect of a first-time review of the Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988. This review will include comprehensive stakeholder consultation and will consider the relevant recommendations set out in the statutory review of the Children and Community Services Act 2004. As a result, no document currently exists that can be tabled.
- (4) The Young Offenders Act 1994 falls under the portfolio of Hon Bill Johnston. Any questions relating to this legislation should be referred to the Minister for Corrective Services.