

COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MAGISTRATES) BILL 2021

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

I refer to the Courts Legislation Amendment (Magistrates) Bill 2021.

- (1) Has the Attorney General ever personally discussed the bill with the President of the Children's Court?
- (2) If yes to (1), when was the most recent occasion?
- (3) Has the Attorney General ever personally discussed the bill with the Chief Magistrate?
- (4) If yes to (3), when was the most recent occasion?
- (5) Have either the President of the Children's Court or the Chief Magistrate ever raised any concerns with the Attorney General or his staff about the bill?

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)–(5) All communications between the Attorney General and his staff and the heads of jurisdiction concerning the allocation of judicial resources are strictly confidential and the subject of public interest immunity.