

ATTORNEY GENERAL — UNFAIR DISMISSAL CASE

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

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to question without notice 973 asked on 16 November 2021 regarding the Attorney General's intervention into an unfair dismissal case brought by a former electorate officer of the member for Kwinana.

- (1) Was the State Solicitor's Office the first to alert the Attorney General that the appellant had sought to have witness summonses issued?
- (2) Did this occur on 19 October 2021?
- (3) Did the Attorney General ever discuss this case with the Deputy Premier prior to 19 October?
- (4) Whom did the Attorney General receive legal advice from on this intervention, which his spokesperson has said the Attorney General "always" receives in such matters?
- (5) Given that the registrar's decision on 10 November was consistent with the Attorney General's submissions on 20 October, is the Attorney General continuing his intervention in proceeding PSAB 31 of 2020; and, if so, for what reason?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

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

- (1)–(3) On 19 October 2021, the State Solicitor's Office was the first to alert the Attorney General that the appellant had applied to have witness summonses issued. As this was the first time the applications were brought to the Attorney General's attention, he did not discuss the applications with any person before that date.
- (4) The Solicitor-General.
- (5) The Attorney General's intervention is confined to matters relating to the power to issue witness summonses.