

LEGAL PROFESSION UNIFORM ADMISSION AMENDMENT (BOARD) RULE 2021

817. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Amendment (Board) Rule 2021*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about this amendment to the rule;
- (b) who was consulted prior to this amendment rule being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to , what were these concerns;
- (e) has the finalised amendment rule addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (a) The *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Amendment (Board) Rule 2021* amends the definition of “Board” in rule 4 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015* so that it includes the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia, and will extend to the equivalent bodies in other jurisdictions should they join the Legal Profession Uniform Law scheme in the future; thereby accommodating Western Australia joining the Uniform Law scheme.
- (b) The consultation process was undertaken by the Legal Services Council (authorised by the Admissions Committee) consistent with the requirements of the Legal Profession Uniform Law. It is understood that consultation involved the following stakeholders: the Chief Justice of New South Wales; the Chief Justice of Victoria; the Chief Justice of Western Australia; the Legal Profession Admission Board of New South Wales; the Victorian Legal Admissions Board; and the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia.

Having regard to section 429 of the Legal Profession Uniform Law, it was determined by the Legal Services Council that public consultation was not necessary.

- (c) No.
- (d)–(f) Not applicable.