

FAMILY COURT AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NO. 2) 2022

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

I refer to the *Family Court Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022*, and I ask:

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

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (a) As part of the 2022/23 budget process the Court and Tribunal Services Division of the Department of Justice (the Department) undertook its annual review of its fees and charges. The *Family Court Regulations 1998* (WA) (WA Regulations) formed part of this review. The Department consults annually with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department (the Commonwealth) regarding the Consumer Price Index increased fees under the *Family Law (Fees) Regulation 2012* (Cth) (Cth Regulations). The fee increases for the 2022/23 were provided by, and confirmed with, the Commonwealth and correspond with the gazetted fee increases under the Cth Regulations.
- (b) Consultation occurred with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the Family Court of Western Australia.
- (c) Each person consulted during the drafting exercise was able to provide feedback, comments and suggestions. No concerns were raised.
- (d) None to note.
- (e)–(f) Not applicable.