

MAGISTRATES — SOUTH WEST REGION

**1384. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General:**

- (1) How many magistrates serviced each of the following south west courthouses in 2012 and currently in Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Collie and Manjimup?
- (2) How many cases have been delayed at each courthouse in 2015 due to the unavailability of a magistrate?
- (3) Does the Attorney General believe there is a shortage of magistrates in the south west?
- (4) If yes to (3), what action is the Attorney General taking to address the shortage, when will the action be taken and how much money has been set aside to deal with the shortage?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Dealing with each of the locations in turn and number of magistrates in 2012 and 2015: Albany, one and one; and Bunbury, three and three—although an announcement on two permanent appointments to the Bunbury Court will be made shortly. Busselton, Collie and Manjimup are circuit courts of Bunbury.
- (2) This information is not available.
- (3) No.
- (4) Not applicable.