

ATTORNEY GENERAL REGULATIONS AMENDMENT (FEE WAIVER) REGULATIONS 2022

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

I refer to the *Attorney General Regulations Amendment (Fee Waiver) Regulations 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 (c), 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) Previously, under the *Magistrates Court Fee Regulations 2005* and *Children's Court Fee Regulations 2005*, there was no power for registrars to waive an application fee payable by a party/s resulting from a clerical error made by the court. This amendment now allows for a registrar to utilise their discretion to waive a fee for an application where it is clear there was a clerical error made, so the court user does not have to be put to further expense.
- (b) The Chief Magistrate and Magistrates Court staff were consulted and supported these amendments. The administration of the Children's Court supported a similar amendment to their fee regulations to ensure they remained consistent with the Magistrates Court.
- (c) None raised.
- (d)–(f) Not applicable.