

CORONERS ACT — STATUTORY REVIEW REPORT

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

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to my question without notice on 16 December 2021 in which he said you needed more time to provide an answer and I note that more than two months have since passed.

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that the version of the report on the statutory review of the Coroners Act that was tabled on 7 December 2021 does not address the issue of section 22(1), which was the subject of the unanimous resolution of the house on 2 June 2021?
- (2) On what date were changes made to the version of the report tabled on 7 December 2021 that resulted in the version tabled on 15 December 2021, and who directed that these changes be made?
- (3) How many versions of the report exist?
- (4) On what date did the Attorney General receive each version?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I note that this answer was correct as at 22 February 2022. I provide the following answer based on information provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) Yes, please refer to question without notice 1231 where I explained that the report tabled on 7 December 2021 was an incorrect and superseded draft. That draft report was tabled as a result of an administrative error and should be disregarded and not relied upon for any purpose. The draft predates the resolution of the house on the motion of 2 June 2021.
- (2) On 2 June 2021—the same day the motion was passed—the Attorney General's office requested the Department of Justice to include in the statutory review the matter relating to section 22(1) referred to in the motion of 2 June 2021. The department subsequently considered that issue and updated the report and provided the report to the Attorney General's office on 28 July 2021. This report was the version tabled on 15 December 2021.
- (3) This report tabled on 15 December 2021 is the only version of the report approved for tabling. Drafts of the report were developed throughout the statutory review process.
- (4) The only finalised version of the report approved for tabling is the one tabled on 15 December 2021.