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LEGAL AFFAIRS — ATTORNEY GENERAL REGULATIONS AMENDMENT (HIGH RISK SERIOUS OFFENDERS) REGULATIONS 2020

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

I refer to the Attorney General Regulations Amendment (High Risk Serious Offenders) Regulations 2020, 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) The Criminal Procedure Regulations 2005 (CP Regulations) were amended to reflect the current legislation and the means by which an offender is brought before the court because of a contravention. The High Risk Serious Offenders Regulations 2020 (HRSO Regulations) were amended to include a range of Commonwealth offences for the purposes of making an offender convicted of such offences eligible for consideration for a restriction order and a post sentence supervision order, which was the reason for section 5(5) of the High Risk Serious Offenders Act 2020 (WA).
- (b) The Parliamentary Counsel's Office was consulted in relation to the amendments to the CP Regulations and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions was consulted in relation to the amendments to the HRSO Regulations.
- (c) No.
- (d)–(f) Not Applicable.