

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION — JUDGE STAUDE’S COMMENTS

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

I refer to the appeal decision by His Honour, District Court Judge Staude, in RE AB [2023] WADC 28 on 17 March 2023, at 61, in which he said —

The assessor’s decision and the process by which it was reached is, to say the least, gravely disquieting.

On what date was Assessor Hafford requested to publish the reasons for decision that she published on 3 October 2022?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

The Attorney General is not aware of any such request being made. Absent a request, publication of reasons was a matter for the assessor in the individual case.