

LEGAL AFFAIRS — FAMILY COURT AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2022

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

I refer to the *Family Court Amendment 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) The Family Court of Western Australia informed the Department of Justice that consequential amendments to the Family Court Regulations 1998 were needed to accord with new provisions of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) brought about by the *Family Court Amendment Act 2021*, and the new Family Court Rules 2021.
  - (b) As these were consequential amendments, the Principal Registrar of the Family Court of Western Australia was consulted about this proposal and agreed the amendments were necessary.
  - (c) No concerns were raised during this process.
  - (d) N/A.
  - (e) N/A.
  - (f) N/A.
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