

ATTORNEY GENERAL REGULATIONS AMENDMENT (FEES AND CHARGES) REGULATIONS 2022

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

I refer to the *Attorney General Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) 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 , 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) As part of the 2022/23 budget process, the Court and Tribunal Services (CTS) Division of the Department of Justice (the Department) undertook its annual review of its fees and charges. The analysis determined that the fees and charges for courts and tribunals were continuing to under cost recover across most jurisdictions. In line with Department of Treasury guidelines to gradually increase fees to full cost recovery, the Department considered that an increase to most fees and charges by the rate of two per cent was required, to maintain the current cost recovery of 25 per cent across courts and tribunals.
- (b) Consultation occurred with the Department of Treasury, the State Solicitor's Office, Parliamentary Counsel's Office, the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and Executive Director, Directors and Managers within CTS.
- (c) Each person consulted during the drafting process was able to provide feedback, comments and suggestions. No concerns were raised.
- (d) None to note.
- (e)–(f) Not applicable.