

DISTRICT COURT — APPEAL DECISION — CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

1029. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the appeal decision by District Court Judge Staude in Re AB [2023] WADC 28 in which he said —

Without being asked to provide written reasons pursuant to s27, but no doubt aware of the notice to produce, Ms Hafford published reasons on 3 October 2022.

On what date was Assessor Hafford first made aware of the notice to produce ordered by Registrar Kubacz on 31 August 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.

It is inappropriate to answer the question on the grounds that it relates to the performance by the assessor of her functions as an assessor of criminal injuries compensation in respect of a particular application and, in performing those functions, the assessor acts independently from government.