

JUDICIAL OFFICERS — COMPLAINTS

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

I refer to the Protocol for Complaints Against Judicial Officers in Western Australian Courts, and I ask:

- (a) how many revisions have been made to the Protocol since the August 2007 revision;
- (b) will you table each such revision;
- (c) how many complaints have been received since the August 2007 revision in each of the jurisdictions;
- (d) how many of those complaints were investigated;
- (e) how many investigated complaints resulted in a determination that the complaint has substance, but was not sufficiently serious to contemplate removal; and
- (f) how many complaints resulted in an inquiry by the Attorney General under the *Magistrates Court Act 2004*?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a)–(e) The Protocol for Complaints Against Judicial Officers is not administered by the Executive government but is a guidance document adopted by the heads of jurisdiction of Courts and Tribunals. Consistent with the separation of powers, complaints other than those that attract the jurisdiction of the Corruption and Crime Commission, are dealt with by the relevant head of jurisdiction independently of the government. As a result, the Attorney General is not responsible for, and does not have, the information sought in questions (a) to (e).
- (f) Nil complaints.