

DISTRICT COURT — APPEAL DECISION — CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

**1123. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to my question without notice 1029 on 13 September 2023 in which the he stated —

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 ...

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that the notice to produce ordered by Registrar Kubacz on 31 August 2022 was directed to Chief Assessor Holyoak-Roberts and not to Assessor Hafford?
- (2) Is the Attorney General aware that Assessor Hafford published reasons on 3 October 2022 absent a request?
- (3) Is the Attorney General aware that District Chief Judge Staude described Assessor Hafford's findings as "extraordinary" and her decision and the process by which it was reached as "gravely disquieting" and that the only reason "was to conform to the chief assessor's decision"?
- (4) Is the Attorney General aware that it is not a function of an assessor to publish reasons absent a request to conform with the chief assessor?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) A response cannot be provided within the time available today. An answer will be provided by the end of this sitting week, so tomorrow.