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Hon Dr Sally Talbot; Hon Michael Mischin

COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE — ATTORNEY GENERAL — MEETINGS

1068. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General:

I refer to section 19(k) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006 that describes one of the Commissioner's functions as follows —

- on the Commissioner's own initiative or at the request of the Minister or the Standing Committee, to advise the Minister on any matter relating to the wellbeing of children and young people;
- On how many occasions in 2014 did the Attorney General meet with the commissioner or acting commissioner, and on whose initiative was the meeting requested?
- On how many occasions so far in 2015 has the Attorney General met with the acting commissioner, and on whose initiative was the meeting requested?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) I met the Commissioner for Children and Young People on three occasions in 2014, with two of these meetings initiated by the commissioner.
- (2) I have met with the commissioner on one occasion so far in 2015, initiated by the commissioner.

I add that my staff have also had regular contact with the commissioner, and I have been briefed on those discussions.