

JURY TRIAL COURTROOMS — FEASIBILITY STUDY

**884. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the two-year feasibility study conducted by the Department of Justice into overcoming an urgent shortage of criminal trial courtrooms.

- (1) Does the Attorney General support the Law Society's recommendation of 15 April 2021 that a minimum of four, but preferably seven, new courts be built as soon as possible?
- (2) If yes, why has no practical outcome been achieved as yet?
- (3) If no, what measures does the Attorney propose?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response, which I provide on behalf of the parliamentary secretary, has been provided by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(2) As per my advice to the member on 16 August 2023, the complexity of the work on the feasibility study includes the operational requirements across numerous sites in the Perth central business district and how these facilities are currently used. Any potential solution, put to cabinet, needs to fully consider the number of courtrooms required, movement of judiciary and all other participants in the criminal jury trial process. Of particular importance is the movement of persons in custody. The department is working to resolve this significant issue as a priority and continues to liaise with stakeholders.
- (3) Not applicable.