

**DAN DJURDJEVIC — RETIREMENT**

*Statement by Leader of the House*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Leader of the House)** [9.19 am]: I rise on behalf of the Attorney General to acknowledge the contribution to the state of Western Australia by Mr Dan Djurdjevic, who retires as senior parliamentary counsel at the end of this year. During a public service career of more than 30 years, Dan has made an outstanding contribution to the Western Australian statute book. Dan completed a Bachelor of Jurisprudence in 1988 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1989, both at the University of Western Australia. After completing his articles at the Office of the Public Trustee in 1989, Dan joined what was then known as the Crown Law Department, now the State Solicitor's Office. He worked as a general counsel and solicitor and as a prosecutor, appearing in all WA courts, including the full court of the Supreme Court.

Dan began working in the Parliamentary Counsel's Office in November 1995 as an assistant parliamentary counsel. He was promoted to a senior parliamentary counsel level 1 position in 2019 and a senior parliamentary counsel level 2 position in December 2022. During his career, Dan drafted many important and complex items of legislation across a wide range of portfolios, including the Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Bill 2017, the Criminal Law Amendment (Uncertain Dates) Bill 2019, the Criminal Law (Unlawful Consorting and Prohibited Insignia) Bill 2021 and the Charitable Trusts Bill 2022. Dan has also drafted hundreds of items of subsidiary legislation. He most recently led a team drafting the regulations required to bring the Work Health and Safety Act 2020 into operation. That was a massive exercise, which resulted in over 1 500 pages of regulations; Dan drafted a substantial proportion of those.

Dan's experience as a prosecutor has meant that he has been an invaluable source of knowledge for his colleagues in PCO in relation to criminal law and procedure. He is acknowledged by his colleagues as a guru on WA criminal law, and has trained and mentored many junior drafters, participated in training sessions for instructors and presented papers to national drafting conferences. On behalf of the government of Western Australia and the Attorney General, I thank Dan for his outstanding service to the state and wish him well and all the best in his retirement.