

DOUGLAS CRABBE — RELEASE

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

I refer to the Attorney General's initial response on 21 February 2023 to my question without notice 102 and his further response provided on 14 March 2023 in which he cited confidentiality as the reason why a briefing note would not be provided to Parliament regarding the release of one of Australia's most notorious mass murderers, Douglas Crabbe, into a resocialisation program.

- (1) What is the date of the briefing note received by the Attorney General regarding this matter?
- (2) Will the Attorney General provide a redacted version of the briefing note?
- (3) If no to (2), given the lapse of time since 21 February 2023, will the Attorney General undertake to comply with section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006 forthwith?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

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

- (1) The briefing note is dated 2 December 2022.
- (2) No, because the briefing note relates to confidential matters pertaining to a specific prisoner and it is not possible to protect that confidentiality and provide a version of the briefing note with any meaningful content.
- (3) The Attorney General will comply with any obligation to give notice that arises under section 82.