

MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE APPLICATION

24. Mr JOHNSON to the Attorney General:

I refer to the debate in this House yesterday about the lack of appropriate and open action by the Premier following the revelation of the appalling driving record of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure who is also a justice of the peace.

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that the application for appointment as a justice of the peace states that persons who have a record of criminal offence, or those who have a serious traffic conviction less than five years old, are excluded from applying to become a justice of the peace?
- (2) Will the Attorney General inform the House when the minister applied to become a justice of the peace and whether the minister's driving convictions were declared on her application?
- (3) Given the minister's three driving convictions for drink driving and speeding, is she a suitable person to be a justice of the peace; and, if so, is the Attorney General prepared to accept such low standards of community propriety from people serving as and applying to become justices of the peace?

The SPEAKER: That question asks for a legal opinion as to the suitability of a person to be a justice of the peace. If the member would like at some later stage during this question time to rephrase that question to comply with the Standing Orders, I will accept the question. As a further explanation, because the minister seems to be confused, the member is asking for a legal opinion about the suitability, and that must be corrected.