

ATTORNEY GENERAL — PERFORMANCE

**269. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. If the top legal officer in the state cannot even provide evidence in a competent way after months of preparation, how can he manage the ongoing legal business of this state?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I do not know who writes the member's questions, but he needs to get new people. I outlined to the member before a snapshot of the legislation that this minister has been responsible for. This is a record of achievement in reforming the laws to make life better for people all over Western Australia, irrespective of their background—for elderly people, young people, Indigenous people and multicultural groups—to toughen up the laws around bikies, in conjunction with other ministers, I might add, but this Attorney General has been responsible for all of that. It is actually not easy to understand legislation and have the detail on multiple things at one time. It is not actually easy. I realise again that the member does not do it, so he does not understand how difficult it is, but the Attorney General has achieved all that.

If we go back in history to some of the former government's Attorney Generals' achievements during their time in office, they had a paper thin record of achievement. I am trying to remember who the last Attorney General was.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** It was Michael Mischin and Christian Porter. If members opposite were to be elected, their Attorney General would be Nick Goiran, for goodness sake! What will happen if Nick Goiran becomes the Attorney General? Are we going to reverse the abortion laws in Western Australia? Is that what is going to happen? Will we repeal the voluntary assisted dying laws? Is that what is going to happen if members opposite get elected? That is the state of the Liberal Party in Western Australia today. The alternative Attorney General is Nick Goiran. You think about that. The good thing is that the people of Western Australia understand the state you are in and they understand that you are not fit for office. Hopefully, that remains the case for a considerable period.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, that concludes question time.