

STIRLING TRAIN STATION ASSAULT

**510. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

- (1) Under what rationale have five of the teenagers charged with violently bashing Matthew Henson at Stirling train station on 13 February been granted an additional four weeks within which to enter their pleas relating to the charges?
- (2) Given the seriousness of these charges and given that one of the six accused has already pleaded guilty to the charges and is awaiting sentencing, why has this matter been allowed to be delayed at the initial phase of entering a plea?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The decision to adjourn the matter was one made by a properly constituted court that operates entirely independently of the executive branch of government.