

PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BOARD

1052. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Industrial Relations:

I refer to the Public Service Appeal Board.

- (1) On how many occasions since June 2015 has —
 - (a) the board summonsed a minister in relation to an appeal brought by government officers or public service officers; and
 - (b) a board summons then been blocked by an Attorney General?
- (2) Has the board sought assurances that a minister can appear voluntarily before the board?
- (3) Can a minister appear voluntarily before the board?
- (4) Has the board sought advice on the number of cases that may need to be reviewed due to the board issuing subpoenas or summons?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. Honourable member, I have numbering of (1)(1) and (1)(2) rather than (1)(a) and (1)(b), but the answer, I think, is the same.

- (1)
 - (a) The Public Service Appeal Board has not issued summonses to any minister.
 - (b) Not applicable.
- (2) I am unaware of assurances sought by any PSAB. It should be noted that the PSAB is independently constituted for each matter lodged with the registrar.
- (3) The Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission cannot identify any matter in which a minister has appeared as a witness.
- (4) I am unaware of advice sought by any PSAB.