

COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE — BLAXELL REPORT

692. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General:

I refer to the statutory review of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006, and the implementation of the recommendation from the Blaxell inquiry to make the office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People a one-stop shop for complaints concerning child abuse.

- (1) When will the Attorney General respond to the report prepared by the Public Sector Commission and provided to him on 31 May 2013 regarding the outcome of the review into the act and the amendments necessary to enable the commissioner to perform the one-stop shop function?
- (2) Will the report be made public; if so, when; and, if not, why not?
- (3) When will the legislative changes needed to implement the recommendations be introduced to Parliament?
- (4) Given the importance of a central one-stop shop for complaints concerning child abuse, when will the Commissioner for Children and Young People be given permanency rather than the current temporary contract?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The statutory review, which includes recommendations with respect to the Blaxell inquiry, is under consideration and will be tabled in due course. I have asked for further work to be undertaken to augment the review, particularly options available to government that might better support the effective and efficient operations of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006. I will respond once I have fully considered all the information before me.