

ALLEN KEITH HUGGINS

**897. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Attorney General:**

I refer to the report in *The West Australian* of 11 September 2013 about Allen Keith Huggins being granted bail and allowed to continue to work as a counsellor after being charged with multiple sexual offences against children.

- (1) Has the Attorney General discussed this case with the Director of Public Prosecutions; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Will the state seek to have bail revoked in this case; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Is the Attorney General considering changing the law to prevent similar circumstances arising in the future; and, if not why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Attorney General, I provide the following answer —

- (1) The Attorney General has been briefed by the Director of Public Prosecutions in respect of this case.
- (2)–(3) The Director of Public Prosecutions has asked the consultant state prosecutor at police prosecuting to conduct a review of the matter. The Attorney General is advised that the state has no grounds upon which to seek the offender's bail to be revoked. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is not aware of the offender having breached the conditions imposed on him over two months ago.