

ATTORNEY GENERAL — SENTENCING — WILFUL MURDER

49. Hon Charles Smith to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

Can the Minister please advise the House what the average custodial sentence is for a wilful murder conviction over the last 10 years?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

Wilful murder ceased to be an offence on 1 August 2008 as a result of the *Criminal Law Amendment (Homicide) Act 2008 (WA)*. A number of wilful murder charges were still to be dealt with in court after this date. The sentence received for all people convicted of wilful murder between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2016 was life imprisonment.