

JUDGES — APPOINTMENTS

459. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to a report in *The Weekend West* of 4 and 5 May 2019 about the Attorney General announcing funding for additional judges.

- (1) How many judges does he seek to appoint and for which courts?
- (2) When does he propose to make those appointments?
- (3) Upon what business case or needs submissions and assessments are these proposed appointments based?
- (4) If they are based on a business case or needs submission and assessment, can they be tabled?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The article the honourable member refers to was speculative and written prior to the release of the 2019–20 budget. The 2019–20 budget released last Thursday does not provide funding for any additional judges in any courts. It is noted that in the McGowan government’s first budget, two additional judges and support staff were funded for the District Court. In 2018, two additional magistrates were also allocated.