

ROYAL ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICES

**1209. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to part (1) of my question without notice 997 of 18 October, wherein I asked what facilities or funding the government provides to the Royal Association of Justices of Western Australia, and contrast it with the detailed response provided to a like inquiry from Hon Simon O'Brien by way of question without notice 772 of 12 August 2015.

- (1) Why does the Attorney General refuse to provide details of the facilities provided to RAJWA?
- (2) In order to assist him in providing information in response to my query of 18 October, is the information provided by the then Attorney General on 12 August 2015 still current; and, if not, in what respect is the current situation different?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

- (1) There has been no refusal to provide information.
- (2) The Royal Association of Justices of Western Australia continues to be provided with accommodation by the Department of Justice at the Perth Central Law Courts, so that the association has an office from which it administers its operations. The current accommodation has changed to a different location within the Central Law Courts and includes office space for two workstations, filing cabinets, furniture and office equipment, including a photocopy machine and printers. The accommodation also includes access to a conference room upon request, and public male/female toilet facilities. Furthermore, from time to time, the association's regional branches request the use of courthouse facilities, such as a conference room to hold a meeting. When such facilities are available and it is practical to do so, the clerks of the court generally allow the association's regional branches the use of such facilities.

The association continues to utilise Department of Justice envelopes and the cost of postage is covered by the Department of Justice. This is estimated to be \$2 000 per annum. Funding to the association has been provided for a specific purpose pursuant to the delivering community services in partnership policy. Over the last five years, grant funding has been provided by the Department of Justice to the association as a grant of \$50 000 from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. The purpose of the grant was to publish an association justice of the peace journal that was posted to association members.