

ACTING MAGISTRATES

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

I refer to the Attorney General's answers on 11 and 12 September 2018 that at a meeting with the Magistrates' Society of Western Australia on 2 August 2018 he inadvertently, by way of an oversight, claimed that the Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2017, which extends magistrates' retirement age, had passed the Legislative Assembly and was awaiting passage through the Council, and his denial on 12 September that he had suggested that the Liberal Party was being obstructive.

- (1) When did the Attorney General first become aware that he had misinformed the Magistrates' Society?
- (2) What steps did he take to correct that false information, when, and in what manner?
- (3) What did the Attorney General communicate by way of correction; and, if in writing, will he table that communication? If the Attorney General declines to do so, for what reason?
- (4) If the Attorney General did not take steps to correct his false advice, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The Magistrates' Society of Western Australia wrote to the Attorney General on 13 August 2018. It is noted that the honourable member was copied into this letter by the society.
- (2) None.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) It was not necessary to take any steps as the society had already written to the Attorney General.