

ACTING MAGISTRATES

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

I am glad someone enjoys being with his ministers.

**Hon Alannah MacTiernan** interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN:** I refer to the Attorney General's partial answer to my question without notice 750 of 11 September concerning advice he gave to the Magistrates' Society of Western Australia.

- (1) Did the Attorney General misinform the society of the status of the Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 so that he could suggest that the Liberal Party had obstructed the progress of his legislation?
- (2) If not, and having misinformed it about the status of the bill, what steps did he take to correct his false advice to the society, and when and to whom and in what manner did he do so?
- (3) Does he accept that his claim yesterday to this place that his "22 other pieces of legislation have been introduced to the Legislative Assembly and progressed to the Legislative Council in the usual manner" is also incorrect; and, if not, please name the other 22 bills and identify the chamber into which they were first introduced?
- (4) Does he confirm or deny having advised the society to the effect that he will rubber-stamp applications by magistrates to extend their terms beyond their current retirement age?
- (5) If he will not confirm or deny giving such an assurance, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) No. At the meeting on 2 August 2018, in advising the society of the anticipated passage of the Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2017, the Attorney General did not suggest that the Liberal Party was obstructing the progress of the legislation.
- (3) In order of the date of introduction, the following bills were introduced to the Assembly: one, Sentence Administration Amendment Bill 2017 on 17 May 2017; two, Child Support (Adoption of Laws) Amendment Bill 2017 on 28 June 2017; three, Coroners Amendment Bill 2017 on 28 June 2017; four, Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Bill 2017 on 9 August 2017; five, Corruption, Crime and Misconduct and Criminal Property Confiscation Amendment Bill 2017 on 16 August 2017; six, Dangerous Sexual Offenders Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 on 6 September 2017; seven, Courts Jurisdiction Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 on 18 October 2017; eight, Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Amendment Bill 2017 on 18 October 2017; nine, Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement Bill 2017 on 18 October 2017; 10, Suitors' Fund Amendment Bill 2017 on 21 November 2017; 11, the Suitors' Fund Amendment (Levy) Bill 2017 on 21 November 2017; 12, Civil Liability Legislation Amendment (Child Sexual Abuse Actions) Bill 2017 on 21 November 2017; 13, Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2018 on 21 February 2018; 14, Criminal Law Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill 2018 on 27 June 2018; 15, Administration Amendment Bill 2018 on 27 June 2018; 16, Child Support (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018 on 27 June 2018; 17, Legislation Bill 2018 on 27 June 2018; 18, Gender Reassignment Amendment Bill 2018 on 15 August 2018; 19, Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment (Change of Name) Bill 2018 on 15 August 2018; and, 20, National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018 on 22 August 2018.

The following bills were introduced to the Legislative Council on 17 May 2017: one, the Constitution Amendment (Demise of the Crown) Bill 2017; and, two, Statutes (Minor Amendments) Bill 2017.

- (4)–(5) Please refer to Legislative Council question without notice 750.

**The PRESIDENT:** Hon Donna Faragher.

Several members interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Member, sit down for a moment, please.

**Hon Donna Faragher:** It's my birthday! I want a question.

**The PRESIDENT:** Is everyone quiet? I will wish Hon Donna Faragher a very happy birthday, and given the way people are going, you may very well get two questions today!