

SCOTT DOUGLAS AUSTIC — COURT OF APPEAL

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

I refer to the Attorney General's partial answer to my question without notice of 21 March concerning a petition he has received on behalf of the convicted murderer Scott Douglas Austic.

- (1) Has the Attorney General sought advice on the merits of the petition from the Solicitor-General, the Director of Public Prosecutions for Western Australia, State Counsel or the State Solicitor?
- (2) When did he seek that advice; and, if he has not sought such advice, why not?
- (3) Has he received advice from any of those officers; and, if so, when did he receive it?
- (4) If he has sought advice from any of those officers but not yet received it, when does he expect to receive it?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes; the Attorney General has sought advice in relation to the petition from the Solicitor-General.
- (2) The request for advice was received by the Solicitor-General's office on 2 March 2018.
- (3) No; the Attorney General has not yet received advice from the Solicitor-General.
- (4) The Solicitor-General will provide his advice in due course.