

ACTING MAGISTRATES

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

I refer to my question without notice 688 of 28 August regarding extensions of magistrates' service under the Magistrates Court Act 2004. In each case in which the Attorney General recommended to the Governor an extension of service —

- (1) what process did he undertake in considering any such applications before making a recommendation;
- (2) did he seek or receive any reports from the Chief Magistrate, and to what effect; and
- (3) did he seek or receive information and advice from others; and, if so, from whom and to what effect?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) The process of appointing acting magistrates involves consultation with the Chief Magistrate and/or the Solicitor-General, who may at times consult other parties as required.