

LEGAL AFFAIRS — CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTE WAIT TIMES

311. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

What is the average waiting period for cases involving child custody disputes to be finalised in the Family Law Court of Western Australia?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The information requested cannot be provided as the Family Court of Western Australia's case management system does not record if a parenting matter specifically relates to a custody dispute.

The Attorney General is able to provide the following, most relevant, data for median time to finalisation / trial for Final Order applications seeking parenting orders between 1st August 2016 and 31st July 2017:

Time to Finalise – 45 weeks for parenting only matters and 64 weeks for parenting and financial matters.

Time to Trial – 98 weeks for parenting only matters and 111 weeks for parenting and financial matters.