

JUDICIAL OFFICERS — APPOINTMENT

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

I refer to the Attorney General's selection of judicial officers since taking office.

- (1) How many of his appointments to judicial positions have been of practitioners from outside Western Australia?
- (2) When and whom and to what positions, and from what jurisdiction have those practitioners been drawn?
- (3) Why did he appoint them and not Western Australian practitioners?
- (4) Were those appointments made following their successful application for advertised positions; and, if not, why not, and what was the process for their appointment?
- (5) Did he discuss prospective appointments with anyone outside the formal consultation process; and, if so, who and when and with what result?
- (6) Has he in mind appointing any other non-Western Australian practitioners; and, if so, who and to what positions?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) There was one appointment.
- (2) On 11 September 2018, Mr Paul Samuel Glass was appointed as a magistrate to exercise jurisdiction in the Family Court of Western Australia to commence on and including 1 October 2018. Mr Glass is from Melbourne, Victoria.
- (3) As a result of the interview panel assessment of the candidates on the basis of the written applications, interviews and referee reports, Mr Glass was the recommended applicant. The Attorney General agreed with that recommendation.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The Attorney General regularly discusses a range of issues, including appointments, with the legal profession and stakeholders as necessary, as I am sure the honourable member did during his time as Attorney General. If the honourable member has a question about a specific appointment, he is asked to put it on notice.
- (6) No.