

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS — APPOINTMENT

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

I refer to the report in *The West Australian* of Friday, 7 April 2017 concerning the appointment of Ms Amanda Forrester, SC, as Director of Public Prosecutions and the comment that she was sworn in “after an interview process involving Solicitor-General Peter Quinlan and Attorney General John Quigley”. Given that interviews were completed before Christmas 2016 and a short list of suitable appointees prepared and considered by the last Liberal Attorney General and the cabinet submission recommending Ms Forrester’s appointment was prepared for the last Liberal government cabinet but deferred by reason of the pending election, what was Attorney General Quigley’s involvement in the interview process?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and for expressing his concern for the safety of our community in respect of crime rates. In his question, the member has admitted that the post also discussed tougher sentencing for meth traffickers —

Hon Michael Mischin: Sorry, wrong question.

Hon SUE ELLERY: I am sorry. Was it not about the interview process?

Hon Michael Mischin: No, it was an interview process regarding the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Hon SUE ELLERY: Can the member give me the number?

Hon Michael Mischin: C014.

Hon SUE ELLERY: The member is right—sorry.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! It is rare that you get the answer before the question is asked.

Hon SUE ELLERY: I do not seem to have the answer to that question but if it comes in before the end of question time, I will happily provide the member with the answer.