

OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT — LEGAL SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

1324. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I note we are celebrating the Attorney General's birthday today.

I refer to the unreliable answer to my question without notice 1090 of 27 October 2022 in which the Attorney General falsely told the house that "There is no such document", when in fact he had written to the Ombudsman on 29 August 2019, something that the Attorney General is yet to apologise to the house for, despite having had at least two occasions on which to do so.

- (1) Was the complaint of six years that the Attorney General refers to in his letter brought to his attention by the practitioner in question?
- (2) If no to (1), who made the Attorney General aware of it?
- (3) Is the Attorney General aware if the complaint remains on foot?
- (4) What was the outcome of the complaint?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) No.
- (2) It was the Honourable Chief Justice Peter Quinlan, SC, in his former capacity as Solicitor-General.
- (3) The complaint is not on foot.
- (4) The outcome of the complaint is subject to a strict suppression order by the President of the State Administrative Tribunal, the Honourable Justice Pritchard.