

PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL'S OFFICE

1047. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to page 194 of the department's annual report, which gives an indicator measure of 100 per cent in relation to the ability of the Parliamentary Counsel's Office to meet cabinet's legislative drafting priorities.

- (1) How many bills are currently the subject of drafting instructions?
- (2) How many regulations are currently the subject of drafting instructions?
- (3) Further to (1), will any of those bills give effect to the government's commitment for elder abuse law reform that is now more than five years late?
- (4) What is the number of drafters by full-time equivalent employed in that office?
- (5) What is the number of positions the subject of active recruitment?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is based on information provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(5) Although I note page 194 of the 2021–22 Department of Justice annual report concerns the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, I am advised it is not possible to provide a response to the member's questions concerning the Parliamentary Counsel's Office in the time available and I ask that the member place these questions on notice.