

MENTAL HEALTH ACT — MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

**898. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Attorney General:**

- (1) When did the State Solicitor's Office advise the Minister for Mental Health that the operation of the Mental Health Act precludes a medical practitioner with limited registration from performing the functions of a psychiatrist under the Mental Health Act and that only those psychiatrists with specialist registration are able to perform these functions?
- (2) Why did the State Solicitor's Office provide this advice?
- (3) What is the current legal position of a medical practitioner who holds only limited registration in performing the functions of a psychiatrist under the Mental Health Act?
- (4) What is the legal position of patients who have been treated by a medical practitioner with only limited registration?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

I do not have a record of that question. The member says some notice of it was given.

**Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich:** Yes, it was.

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN:** Can the member tell me when?

**Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich:** I understand it was sent yesterday and it should have gone back in today.

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN:** I do not have that answer. I will see if something turns up during the course of question time, in which case I will respond; otherwise I will deal with it tomorrow.