

JURY TRIAL COURTROOMS — FEASIBILITY STUDY

831. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

Who among my happy friends opposite is answering questions from the Attorney General today?

Hon Jackie Jarvis: Me.

Hon TJORN SIBMA: Thank you, minister. I refer to work undertaken by the Department of Justice on a feasibility study that proposes to identify and prioritise any opportunities to increase the number of criminal jury trial courtrooms, and identify the possibility of building new facilities in response to the current and projected future shortage of criminal trial courtrooms in the CBD.

- (1) On how many occasions over the past two years has the department met to undertake the feasibility study and related work?
- (2) With whom has the department consulted in developing the feasibility study?
- (3) When does the Attorney General anticipate receiving the feasibility study?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Multiple discussions have taken place with the Department of Justice as the feasibility study and related work has progressed. The Department of Justice’s court and tribunal services division has consulted internally in developing the feasibility study for cabinet’s consideration. This consultation has involved internal departmental stakeholders, with input, as required, from the respective courts. The Department of Justice is yet to advise the Attorney General on a time frame for the finalisation of the feasibility study. This work is ongoing.