

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE — POLICY

5246. Hon Sue Ellery to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the review of the role of Justices of the Peace (JPs) in Western Australia, public submissions to which closed in December 2010, and I ask —

- (1) When does the Attorney General anticipate releasing the final Government policy on JPs?
- (2) What is the reason for the delay since closing of submissions?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

- (1) This is currently under consideration by the Attorney General's Office.
- (2) The Department of the Attorney General received over 100 responses from key stakeholders and the community on possible changes to Western Australia's Justice of the Peace system. After analysis of the responses, a business case was prepared and the feasibility of implementing the recommendations is subject to further consultation with relevant agencies impacted by any changes in approach. This stage is due for completion by mid-2012.