

BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2022

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

I refer to the answer to my question without notice 657 in which the Attorney General confirmed that on 14 June 2022, he became aware for the first time of a suppression order regarding the case that precipitated the development of the Bail Amendment Bill 2022.

- (1) Who informed the Attorney General of that information?
- (2) Will the parliamentary secretary table the document that confirms the time the Attorney General received that information?
- (3) If no to (2), what time on 14 June 2022 was the Attorney General informed about the suppression order?
- (4) Has the Attorney General seen the suppression order in unredacted form?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I provide the following answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General.

- (1)–(4) The Attorney General has ensured that all relevant information about the suppression order has been supplied to the shadow Attorney General ahead of debate on the Bail Amendment Bill 2022. This information—I quote from the email provided on Monday, 15 August 2022—is that, according to my notes —

“there is an active suppression order in place. The order prohibits the publication or disclosure of any details which would enable the identification of the accused, any witness or victim involved in the case which precipitated the development of this Bill.

Please be mindful of the suppression order when debating, or commenting on, the Bill or the events preceding its development (particularly in relation to the names of the deceased victim or accused).”

This information is the same advice that was provided elsewhere.