

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL — JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS HANDLING

2721. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to (a), the answer given to my question on notice No. 1438, on 20 April 2010, (b), to the article regarding a judicial commission published at page 10 of *The West Australian*, on Friday 27 August 2010 and (c), the article published in *Perth Now* on 20 August 2010, regarding the coronial inquiry into suicide of a young lawyer, that may be connected to conduct of a Western Australian magistrate, and I ask —

- (1) Is the process of the Working Group of the Standing Committee of the Attorneys General (SCAG), that is considering Judicial Complaints Handling, taking into consideration —
 - (a) the views of the Western Australian Law Society;
 - (b) the views of the Western Australian Criminal Lawyers Association; and
 - (c) the coronial inquiry into the suicide?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) When does the Attorney expect the SCAG deliberations and decisions, regarding a judicial commission, to be completed?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

- (1) (a)-(c) I have no doubt that the Judicial Complaints Handling Working Group will consult widely in both WA and elsewhere before putting a well considered position to the Standing Committee of Attorneys General (SCAG).
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) When the SCAG is in receipt of a report and recommendations from the Working Group, most likely in 2011.