

OMBUDSMAN’S REPORT — LEGAL SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

1155. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General’s verbal request to the Ombudsman that he consider the handling of complaints by the then Legal Profession Complaints Committee.

- (1) Was the Attorney General provided a briefing note or similar document prior to making the request?
- (2) What was the first document created by the Attorney General or his office relating to the request after it was made—for example, a file note, email, letter or any other document?
- (3) Further to (1) and (2), will the Attorney General table those documents?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General. The following answer has been provided by the Attorney General.

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) The Attorney General clarifies his answer to question without notice 1090 in which he advised the member of his verbal discussion with the Ombudsman. During that discussion, he requested that the Ombudsman carry out an investigation into the processes and procedures of the then Legal Profession Complaints Committee. The Attorney General subsequently wrote to him on 29 August 2019 to confirm this request. This document is privileged—see section 23A of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971.