

LEGAL AFFAIRS — WAYNE VALENTA — RESOCIALISATION PROGRAM

1120. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to your response to my question without notice asked on 9 November 2021 in which the Attorney General acknowledged he was aware of opposition to the recommendation that Wayne Valenta be approved for a resocialisation program, given his violent murder of Deborah Boyd after hiding under her 15 year old daughter's bed for three hours, and I ask:

- (a) what decision did the Attorney General make;
- (b) when was it made;
- (c) will you table the most recent briefing note or similar document the Attorney General has received about Mr Valenta, in either an unredacted or redacted form; and
- (d) if no to (c), will you undertake to comply with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (a)–(b) On 22 February 2022 the Governor in Executive Council did not approve Mr Valenta's progression to a resocialisation program.
- (c)–(d) The briefing note relates to confidential matters pertaining to a specific prisoner. The Attorney General will comply with any obligation to give a notice that arises under section 82.