



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 325

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Attorney-General, Hon Marie-Clare Boothby MLA:

Judicial Independence and Appointments

1. What is the process by which the Attorney-General's Department consults the heads of jurisdiction on matters affecting court resourcing, listings and the administration of justice?
 - a. How many times did the Attorney-General or the Chief Executive of the Department meet with the Chief Justice or the Chief Judge in each of 2024–25 and 2025–26?
 - b. Has either head of jurisdiction made written representations to the Attorney-General about resourcing, listings or judicial independence in that period, and can that correspondence be tabled?
2. In respect of each acting Local Court judge appointed since 1 July 2025:
 - a. Was the position advertised and, if so, where and for how long?
 - b. Was a selection panel convened, and who were its members?
 - c. Did the panel provide a recommendation, and was the person appointed the person recommended?
 - d. On what date was each appointment made, and for what term?
3. How many Local Court Judge positions are there? How many are currently filled?
4. What integrity protocols apply to the management of conflicts of interest in judicial and acting judicial appointments?
 - a. Are conflict of interest declarations required from panel members, and where are they recorded?