

T A S M A N I A
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NOTICE OF QUESTION

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

I (*Ms Webb*) tomorrow to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government —

With regard to the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, a specific question I placed on the record in this place on 31 October 2023, asked when the Premier first became aware, "*...of the Commissioners' concerns that sections 18 and 19 of the Act, including the State's interpretation of those sections, was impeding their capacity to make the adverse and/or misconduct findings they felt necessary.*" In response, the Premier's statement tabled on 1 November this year said, "*The concerns were first referenced at the Final Hearing of the Commission of Inquiry, and this was further clarified when the Premier read the Final Report.*" which, I note, did not answer the question: -

- 1) Was 30 August 2023, the Final Hearing of the Commission, the date on which the Premier first become aware of the Commission's concerns that sections 18 and 19 of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995*, including the State's interpretation of those sections, was impeding their capacity to make the adverse and/or misconduct findings they felt necessary;

If not, when did the Premier first become aware of these concerns;

- 2) Was 30 August 2023, the Final Hearing of the Commission, the date on which the Office of the Premier first become aware of these concerns held by the Commission;

If not, when did the Office of the Premier first become aware of these concerns;