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NOTICE OF QUESTION

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

(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 Department of Justice 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.* As the response in the Premier's statement, tabled on 1 November this year, did not provide a clear answer to that question, I reiterate the question in more detail:-

- 1) When did the former Attorney-General 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;
- 2) When did the Office of the Attorney-General first become aware of these concerns held by the Commission;
- 3) Once known, did the Attorney-General, and/or the Office of the Attorney-General advise the Premier or the Premier's Office of the Commission's concerns; and
- 4) When did the Department of Justice first become aware of these concerns held by the Commission?