

T A S M A N I A
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF QUESTION

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9 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 and the Premier's announced review to be undertaken by Heads of Agencies to examine matters surrounding those State Servants identified by the Commission, can the Leader confirm:-

- (1) This review is being conducted as an inquiry into potential breaches of the Code of Conduct under the *State Service Act 2000*?
- (2) That external lawyers have been retained and remunerated by the State to undertake investigations into alleged breaches of the State Service Code of Conduct?
- (3) Whether any allegations being investigated using this process include serious and/or indictable offences?

If any allegations being investigated using the aforementioned process do include potentially serious and/or indictable offences:

- (4) Are all of the people being investigated for Code of Conduct breaches in relation to potential serious and/or indictable offences current employees of the State Government; and
- (5) If some of the persons accused of serious and indictable offences are no longer employees of the State Government, what (if any) alternative process is being used to investigate them or what other process will apply?
- (6) Have any matters being referred to the Tasmania Police or DPP for investigation and/or prosecution?

Further in relation to the Code of Conduct investigations currently being conducted:

- (7) What are the terms of appointment for the external lawyers and could a copy of the terms of appointment be tabled in the House;
- (8) Is there a lawyer-client relationship with the State Government, and if so, do the external lawyers have a conflict of interest in that they are engaged by the State Government but may be being asked to determine whether serious allegations of criminal conduct on the part of State Government employees have occurred, and which may also have potential civil liability ramifications?

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Signed