

Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

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

Regarding the *Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings*, can the government please advise the following:

- 1) Given that the government has already stated that only one of the 43 criminal referrals made by the Commission of Inquiry remain open, and only one is before the courts, why are so many transcripts and statements still missing from the Commission of Inquiry website?; and
- 2) When is it expected that the comprehensive archive of documents originally uploaded by the Commission of Inquiry will be restored fully, with these transcripts and statement documents which were previously publicly available reinstated on the public website?

Response:

The content of the Commission's website was determined by the Commission itself.

The Commission has clearly indicated that it did not want its website changed following the end of its work. The Commission states on its website "*the Commission expects no changes will be made to this website, apart from the addition of the report when it is published, an easy read guide to the report, and an animation.*"

The Commission did not advise the Government of what material it intended to remove or withhold from its website, or its reasons for doing so.

However, it is important to note that criminal proceedings are not the only reason the Commission may have determined to remove or not publish material on its website.

For example, material could be captured by section 194K of the *Evidence Act 2001*, material could contain information that a victim-survivor has withdrawn their consent to be published, material could prejudice a current civil proceeding, or have been removed or withheld by the Commission for other reasons - including the issuance of restricted publication orders that are indefinite in application.

Again, I emphasise that these decisions are for the Commission, not the State.



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Premier

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