

**ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE LEADER**  
**OF**  
**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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**7 May 2024**

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

Noting the Justice Miscellaneous (Conversion Practices) Bill 2024 was released for public comment prior the 23 March state election this year, and that the Bill proved controversial, not least because its many exemptions appear to allow almost all conversion practices to continue, and recognizing that the release of submissions have a proven practice of helping to inform public debate, does the Government intend to publicly release all submissions to the consultation regarding the Bill? If so, when?

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:**

The Tasmanian Government submissions policy applies to all submissions made by the public, or by public or community organisations, when departments seek feedback from the public via a broad public consultation process in relation to major policy matters and proposed legislation.

Under this policy, the default position is to publish all written submissions received by the public, unless confidentiality has been requested by the submitter or an exemption applies. The policy can be viewed on the Department of Justice website at <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/about-us/consultations>.

Submissions made during the public consultation period on the draft Justice Miscellaneous (Conversion Practices) Bill 2024 will be made available on the Department of Justice website once consideration of the submissions has concluded. This is outlined on the consultation webpage and is standard practice for all Department of Justice consultation processes. Generally, the submissions are made publicly available around the time of the Bill being tabled in Parliament.

It is intended that the Justice Miscellaneous (Conversion Practices) Bill 2024 will be tabled later this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Guy Barnett MP  
**Attorney-General**  
**Minister for Justice**

Date: 20 May 2024