

TASMANIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2024 - 2025

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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29 Ms Webb to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — In relation to the Independent Review undertaken by Mr Sam Tatarka OAM into legal assistance provided to state servants in the course of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, can the Government:

- (1) Confirm whether the Independent Reviewer completed the review and provided the final report to the government by December 2024 as the Attorney-General indicated was the anticipated timeframe in a statement to the Parliament on the 27th November 2024;
- (2) If the independent Review continued beyond December 2024, confirm whether it is still underway and if not, when it was completed and whether the final report has been received by Government and if so when; and
- (3) Detail when the review and any recommendations will be made public?

RESPONSE

As I have previously advised, 27 individuals were granted legal assistance under ED16.

The Government received Mr Tatarka's report on 5 March 2025.

Mr Tatarka has completed assessments of 18 of the 27 public officers in receipt of legal assistance under Employment Direction 16. The remaining 9 will be completed by Mr Tatarka as soon as possible.

I have requested advice from my Department and I have instructed them to progress work to enable the release of the Tatarka Report as permitted by law.

As I have previously advised, I will release as much of the report as permitted by law.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Hon Guy Barnett MP
Attorney-General
Minister for Justice
Date: 16 April 2025