



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Andrew Braddock MLA To ask the Chief Minister

Ref: Chief Minister Questions

Hearing Date: 27/7/2023

In relation to: Public Sector Standards Commissioner Referrals

Emergency Services Agency Executive Leadership Alignment Review described behaviours by ESA executives which are inconsistent with ACTPS Values of Integrity, Respect, Collaboration and Innovation. Examples of poor behaviour, such as withholding information, undermining decisions, blaming and bullying, including by exclusion, were identified.

According to Section 144 of the Public Sector Management Act, one of the Commissioner's functions is to *"conduct investigations about a matter declared by the Chief Minister in the way prescribed"*.

- (1) Have you, in your capacity as Chief Minister, made a declaration for the Public Service Standards Commissioner to conduct an investigation with respect to the findings in the Emergency Services Agency Executive Leadership Alignment Review and/or related information that may be available to the Government?
- (2) If yes, when did that occur? If not, why not?

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) No.
- (2) The Director-General of Justice and Community Safety has accepted all recommendations and is having regard to effective implementation of the findings, including in consultation with key stakeholders. This work is ongoing.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature: 

Date: 3.8.23

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA