



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023**

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 17 November 2023: Mr Shane Rattenbury Minister for Consumer Affairs took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: conflict of interest issue- Fair Trade Commissioner

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you, Mr Parton. Minister, regarding the aforementioned conflict of interest issue, my understanding is the statutory appointment of the current Fair Trading Commissioner was in January 2021. At that time were you or your office aware of the possibility that there had been a spousal connection between the former Fair Trading Commissioner and the individual appointed as his replacement?

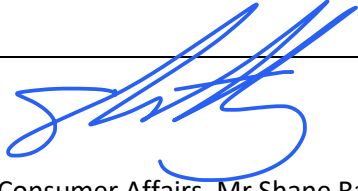
**Mr Rattenbury:** I would have to take that on notice, Mr Cain.

**Minster for Consumer Affairs:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I am not involved in the appointment of the Fair Trading Commissioner; this is a function undertaken by the Director General of JACS. I cannot recall if, in January 2021, I was aware of the possibility of a spousal connection between the former Fair Trading Commissioner and the individual appointed as his replacement.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

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Date: 23/11/23

By the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Mr Shane Rattenbury