



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Peter Cain MLA on 22 November 2023: Chris Steel MLA and Lisa Holmes took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: Given that the McLuckie family, 18 months since the trauma of the loss of a son, has gone through intricacies and frustrations with the scheme, what assistance, minister, are you giving to that family to help them navigate a scheme over which you have oversight?

Mr Steel: I have met with them and heard from them directly in a meeting about some of the issues that they have with the scheme, and the MAI Commissioner was there at the time.

MR CAIN: How recently was that?

Mr Steel: I believe that was last year.

MR CAIN: Last year?

Mr Steel: I can take that on notice and come back to you with the timing of that. There will be opportunities, of course, for them to make representations in relation to the review that is being undertaken three years after the introduction of the scheme—the legislative review—and the commission—

MR CAIN: It does seem—

Mr Steel: I have not finished my answer, Mr Cain. The commission may have some further information that they can provide.

Ms Holmes: We have had correspondence with Mr McLuckie, and we have responded to him. I believe we have also spoken to him a number of times as well.

MR CAIN: How recently was this?

Ms Holmes: I would have to take that on notice.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (a) I met with the family of Mr McLuckie, along with two other families who have suffered road trauma, on 15 July 2022. The MAI Commission was also in attendance at this meeting.
- (b) The most recent contact between the MAI Commission and Mr Tom McLuckie was 15 September 2023 via email. On 23 December 2022 Mr McLuckie indicated to the Commission he would be in contact if he requires information or assistance. As the MAI Commissioner noted in the hearing, he has been advised he can also obtain information from the Defined Benefits Information Service.

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA