



Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: SHANE RATTENBURY MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

In relation to: ACT public service and Incoming Government Brief Issues for

Consideration

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ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: The incoming briefing contained a range of briefs with issues for immediate consideration. Is it correct that you signed off on all of those briefs by 27 October?

Mr Barr: Quite likely, but I will need to check the dates in relation to that.

THE CHAIR: Okay. And were those briefs purely for noting or did some of them require agreement to action?

Mr Barr: I imagine most would have been for noting, but again I can take on notice whether any involved a decision.

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ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

My response was provided to all briefs by 28 October 2025 with a range of responses including 'noted', 'agreed', 'deferred to the directorate' and 'not agreed'. The briefs provided were aligned with Caretaker Conventions.

Of the 37 briefs provided 10 were agreed or agreed with comment or noting; 1 was not agreed; 14 were noted and 11 were noted with an additional comment (including please discuss, refer or defer to Minister and/or directorate).

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

Signature: 

Date: **15.10.25**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA