



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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#### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

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**Ms Thompson:** So there are a number of reasons why we might be in a position where we actually cannot work on a case. That would be that we cannot be writing the report, we cannot be contacting any witnesses or doing anything because we have already done that level of work, and we are up to the point, for example, of the respondent needing to look at the material that we are providing them and provide their response to it, but if they are on designated personal leave, that is not a time that we can necessarily provide them with that material and have them respond back.

**MS LEE:** And what is the length of personal leave that someone might be on that would add to this timeframe?

**Ms Thompson:** That would be a very individual circumstance. So some people might be on personal leave for a couple of weeks and other people might be on it for a more significant period of time.

**MS LEE:** And what is the longest period someone has been on personal leave during an investigation?

**Ms Thompson:** I would have to take that on notice, sorry.

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

During FY 2023-24 the longest period a respondent was on personal leave during a misconduct investigation was 42 days.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

Date: **31. 7. 24**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA