



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations

In relation to: Canberra Institute of Technology and Voluntary redundancies

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Michael Pettersson MLA took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: Minister, when were you advised by the CIT board of those voluntary redundancies?

Mr Pettersson: I will take that on notice to go back and look through my notes. I was advised—I have official notes. It was in advance of it becoming public knowledge.

THE CHAIR: In the last week? Month?

Mr Pettersson: No, I have been on medical leave for the past week. I am hesitant to ballpark it. Quite simply, it was well in advance of the current events, but I am not sure of the precise date. Time is a bit of a blur at the moment. So I have taken it on notice. I will get back to you when that was communicated to me.

[...]

THE CHAIR: Was the advice to the minister well in advance of your attendance a few weeks ago?

Ms Jackson: I am unaware of the date of the correspondence with the minister.

Mr Pettersson: Yes. We will take it on notice. We will find out for you. Of lines of inquiry, I do not think that is the most interesting part of this. That was communicated to me appropriately. We will find out when that happened.

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Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The CIT Board Chair wrote to me on 28 May 2026 outlining CIT financial pressures and related issues under consideration. In that letter, the Board advised of immediate steps that were already progressing, including tighter controls on non-essential recruitment and travel, and also that broader actions may need to be considered, potentially including voluntary redundancies.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations, Michael Pettersson MLA