



Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: LEANNE CASTLEY MLA

Addressed to: ANDREW BARR MLA

Redirected to:

In relation to: City Renewal Authority and CRA contract of sale of Block 1 Section 121 consultation with Opposition

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

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MS CASTLEY: So would you agree that if the directorate was preparing a brief for the Leader of the Opposition to advise them of the deal that it would imply the contract was a major undertaking that required consultation with the opposition?

Mr Barr: Well, I imagine the outcome of that process is obviously going to be made public. But again, as I do not believe there would have been a decision associated with that, it would simply have been a notification and if in the end it was not necessary to notify until sometime later in that month, then it is entirely reasonable to have done so. But again, I have no involvement in the sale process, so I will need to take that on notice as regard the CRA's timelines at that point in time.

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

The sale of Block 1 Section 121 was considered a routine matter of administration, noting the sale was announced 4 May 2023, and following cabinet approval of the then Indicative Land Release Program. Sales such as this are within the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer City Renewal Authority, under the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (CRASLA) Act. While routine, given the expected finalisation of sales documents within the Caretaker period, an information briefing was proposed for full transparency with the Leader of the Opposition.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA