



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Hon Michael Adams KC

In relation to: Education sessions

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Mr Adams KC and Ms Judy Lind took on notice the following questions:

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Thank you, Chair.

This is a slightly different tack. Page 31, of the annual report, it says, “24-25, 749 ACT public service staff attended a commission education session”. Which is a significant increase from the 500 that were counted in 23-24.

Mr Adams KC: Right.

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Is there a broad understanding of why sort of 250-odd staff more came along to the information sessions? And then, regardless, what is the feedback that you are getting from participants to those sessions? And the impact of those sessions on the work in the public service, if you have any sort of insight?

Mr Adams KC: I understand we do have— we do ask for responses to what has gone on. But I cannot tell you the— I can take that on notice, if you like? But I think the reason is, that with the publication of reports, and with the public hearings, public servants have come to appreciate that they may be exposed, and they need to know more about how the integrity commission might impact them. I am not saying that is for bad reasons.

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Yes.

Mr Adams KC: But I think they are now seeing or starting to perceive that the integrity commission can have an actual impact on their work, and themselves, and their colleagues, and want to know how it works.

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Okay.

Mr Adams KC: That would be the reason I would attribute.

Ms Lind: I mean, the increase in activity is because we have got an internal focus. We have got some competent staff in what we call our prevention and education function. So we have had a very—

Mr Adams KC: They are much more proactive.

Ms Lind: —over focus, proactive in offering sessions than we probably were in the previous 12 months. We have got the ability to stream online sessions. So it just— there is different mechanisms, I think, that make it easier for interested public servants to actually jump online and listen to the session and interact with the presenter.

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Of getting to more— and so, four months into the new financial year, do you think you are able to— a, are you able to say whether or not that trend, whether or not it is increasing, but that sort of level of last year will be replicated this year?

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

ACT Integrity Commission: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Following ACT Integrity Commission information sessions, 93.7% of participants who provided feedback reported an increased understanding of the Commission, 87.5% said their awareness of corruption risks in their environment had improved, and 91.7% felt more confident in identifying and responding to corruption as a result of attending the training.

So far this financial year, the Commission has delivered sessions to 230 participants. This suggests that the total number of participants will be comparable to last financial year's figure of 749.

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By the ACT Integrity Commission, Commissioner