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Inquiry into Auditor-General Performance Reports July – December 2023
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
30 May 2024

Asked by Mr Cain MLA on 30 May 2024: Ms Leigh took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: But did you, with perhaps saying the detail of any referral, was anything referred by the minister or yourself to the Integrity Commissioner?

Ms Leigh: Mr Cain, I believe I am not allowed to answer that question.

MR CAIN: Can you take that on notice to confirm that that is the case.

Ms Leigh: Sure.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Head of Service is not able to confirm or deny whether a referral has been made to the Integrity Commission. Paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the *Integrity Commission (Mandatory Corruption Notification) Directions 2019 (No 2)*, which is a notifiable instrument made pursuant to section 64 of the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* (the Act) direct that:

7.2A mandatory corruption notification must be made without the mandated reporter advising the person(s) about whom the notification relates, and without publicity.

7.3 It is an offence to use or divulge 'protected information'. For more information about protected information see section 297 of the Act.

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Signature:

Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State

Date:

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