



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: ACT Director of Public Prosecutions

Reference: Director of Public Prosecutions, Annual Report, Page 84

Hearing: 13 February 2025

In relation to: SUBJECT 1 – Prosecution Policy

Question received: 14 February 2025

Answer Due: 21 February 2025

- When was the last time the Prosecution Policy of the ACT was updated?
- Who determines if and when it needs updating?

Ms Victoria Engel SC: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The current Prosecution Policy was released on 1 April 2021, it is analogous to Prosecution Guidelines issued in all other Australian jurisdictions.

Section 12 of the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1990* confers authority to the Director of Public Prosecutions to, in writing, give directions or furnish guidelines in relation to prosecutions or proceedings.

The Prosecution Policy is currently under review by the Director following recommendations made by the Board of Inquiry and the outcome of the Board of Inquiry Implementation Group, of which the Director is a member.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature:

Date: 27 / 02 / 2025

By the Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Victoria Engel SC