



Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Parton MLA

Addressed to: Mr Michael Pettersson

In relation to: Governance reforms

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

MS CARRICK: Okay. Thank you. Minister, do you have the power to request information from the board, for example, all the documents that they have in relation to this matter that nobody else has got?

Mr Pettersson: I am not sure, that seems like a very open-ended question. I am not acutely aware of where the limits may lie in my ability to seek information from them. Is there a particular type of document you are referring to?

MS CARRICK: Well, it is just that Ms Lundy mentioned a number of documents that were in confidence and I am wondering if you are able, in your capacity as the minister, to ask for a copy of all the documents that the CIT has in relation to this matter to inform yourself and to ensure that you have a comfort level about the due diligence and whether the review that you have commissioned are able to see these documents so that they can have a complete investigation.

Mr Pettersson: So I can understand the question, is the crux of the question, can I ask for the documents that CIT has not provided to the committee?

MS CARRICK: To yourself or—

Mr Pettersson: Yes.

MS CARRICK: We would like them to, but to yourself, to the inquiry that you—

Mr Pettersson: I will take them on notice.

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

The Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) has statutory obligations to provide me, as Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations, information in relation to significant events that are defined by reference to financial matters, and I have limited powers to direct the CIT Board to give me financial or other like statements relating to the CIT.

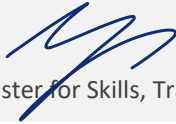
Those obligations and powers do not extend to in-confidence personnel documents relating to individual employment matters.

The CIT Board is responsible for governing CIT, including matters relating to the appointment and tenure of the Chief Executive Officer. The in-confidence personnel documents referred to in the question are held by the CIT Board and are not documents that I may lawfully direct the Board to provide to me.

While the CIT Board may, at its discretion, choose to provide information to me, it is bound by confidentiality obligations in relation to personnel matters. I do not have the power to compel the production of such in-confidence personnel material.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature:



Date: 10.4.26

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