



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mrs Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Attorney-General

In relation to: Attorney-General and Advice from Solicitor-General

Hearing: 22/07/2026

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Ms Tara Cheyne MLA took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: Yes, thank you. Attorney-General, just circling back again to my questions around administration of justice, and just being really clear that in a time where we have a decline in the trust of our institutions, and it is incumbent on all of us to ensure that we protect the integrity of our institutions, and particularly on me to ensure that I am asking this question, so I am doing my job. Going back to your comments around who you consulted, you did indicate that you consulted the Solicitor-General and the Solicitor-General told you that those powers were available to you to use, is that correct?

Ms Cheyne: Yes.

THE CHAIR: And was that in writing?

Ms Cheyne: I will have to confirm. I will take that on notice.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Written advice was received from the Solicitor-General on 27 February 2026 and 12 March 2026 in relation to amending the appointment processes for a Resident Judge and Chief Magistrate.

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Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature 
By the Attorney-General, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA

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