



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 Dual commission cost

Hearing: 22/07/2026

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

THE CHAIR: What is the cost then borne by the taxpayer to that change that you have made to the instrument? What is the cost?

Ms Cheyne: None.

THE CHAIR: No cost? Not the dual appointments.

Ms Cheyne: That is not the change to the instrument.

THE CHAIR: You made a change to pick, to make a captain's pick for dual commission—to dual appointments.

Ms Cheyne: So the notifiable instrument has no cost. If you are asking about does a dual commission have a cost, that is an entirely separate question.

THE CHAIR: All right. Does the dual commission have a cost?

Ms Cheyne: Yes.

THE CHAIR: What is the cost to the taxpayer?

Ms Cheyne: I will take it on notice.

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

The Chief Magistrate's remuneration is \$488,143 per annum, as set by Remuneration Tribunal Determination 7 of 2025. The remuneration of a resident judge of the ACT Supreme Court is \$530,080, as set by Remuneration Tribunal Determination 6 of 2025. Each determination also sets out entitlements for judicial officers (as supplemented by the *Magistrates Court (Conditions of Appointment) Decision 2019 NI-2019-262*).

Chief Magistrate Taylor holds dual commissions as both a resident judge of the ACT Supreme Court and Chief Magistrate of the ACT Magistrates Court. The Chief Magistrate maintains her remuneration and entitlements as a resident judge. The base remuneration is \$41,937 higher annually than the Chief Magistrate's remuneration. The Chief Magistrate will continue to sit in the Supreme Court, including on the Court of Appeal and in matters in the Circle Sentencing List.

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

Signature:



By the Attorney-General, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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