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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA (Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022–23
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
13 November 2023

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on Monday, 13 November 2023: Ms Joy Burch MLA, Speaker, took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: Advice on potential investigation regarding code of conduct

MR CAIN: Are you planning to do an investigation to satisfy those concerns?

Ms Burch: As I referred to Mr Pettersson, there are options open. There are options open to anyone to make a referral to Ken Crispin, but I will be seeking information, I will be getting advice, and then that will determine where I go from here.

MR CAIN: And that is advice you are happy to share with this committee?

Ms Burch: I would have to take that on notice but it is not advice that I am going to get within by close of business today I do not expect. It will be something that I will need to be very considered about.

Speaker: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

As information about the handling of sexual allegations against a now former member emerged, I took advice from the Clerk at each stage and consulted with Party Leaders and Whips. This has resulted in what appears to be an agreed way forward with a motion to be moved in the Assembly on the next sitting day calling upon me to appoint an independent reviewer into the matter.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

Date: 22 November 2023

By the Speaker, Joy Burch MLA