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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Ms Kathy Leigh

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Answer Due Date: 29 July 2024

MR CAIN: That was not my question. It was when did you first become aware that the legal action had been launched by Ms Haire?

Ms Leigh: I cannot recall whether—I just cannot exactly recall, Mr Cain, because it was nothing to do with me.

MR CAIN: You cannot recall when you became aware?

Ms Leigh: I can take it on notice if you like, but as I say, I have no responsibilities in relation to that.

MR CAIN: So you will take on notice when you were aware of this legal action?

Ms Leigh: Yes.

MR CAIN: So Ms Leigh, when did you first become aware that Ms Haire had sought assistance under the law officers legal services direction 23 for her legal fees?

Ms Leigh: Again, I have no role in relation to that.

MR CAIN: Yes, but the question is when did you first become aware?

Ms Leigh: I would have to take that on notice because as I have no role in relation to it, it is not something that I specifically focus on.

Andrew MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Head of Service has advised me that she first became aware of Ms Haire's legal action on 5 September 2023 and that Ms Haire had sought assistance with the legal fees on 21 May 2024.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA