



Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MR SHANE RATTENBURY MLA

Addressed to: ANDREW BARR MLA

In relation to: City Renewal Authority contract of sale of Block 1 Section 121 brief with Opposition

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ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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THE CHAIR: In that vein, perhaps the question I have around this is that the documents which I will also table, the two FOI documents relating to this, and I will give them to the secretariat. Document 38 out of the FOI pack shows a full brief on the same subject matter, so the sale of this piece of land. It is dated 24 October for a decision to be made by 30 October.

So both of these are well within the caretaker period. It was signed by itself on 27 October. The brief does note it is a noting, not an agreement, so they are certainly clear about that. I am interested to understand why the agency, during this caretaker period, only provided it to you and not followed the caretakers conventions of informing others.

Mr Barr: I would need to seek that information from them in that regard. In the end, in this period, there is still a minister.

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

The City Renewal Authority provided an information brief to the Chief Minister on 24 October 2024 and planned on sending a letter to the Leader of the Opposition (as per the Attachment 1 to the brief). The sale of Block 1 Section 121 was a routine matter of administration but did not proceed as quickly as expected due to ongoing coordination and finalisation of key sales contract documents

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with the buyer and occurred outside of the Caretaker period. The information briefing to the Chief Minister was in accordance with caretaker conventions, and was coordinated with ACTPS Elections, Deputy Director-General of Office Industrial Relations and Workplace Strategy and the Under Treasurer. The proposed briefing for the Leader of the Opposition was for full transparency should the sale have occurred within the Caretaker period.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

Signature:



Date: 15.10.25

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA