



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Ms Jo Clav MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Peter Cain MLA on 22 October 2021:

Ref: Integrity Commission, Budget Statements A, p. 22

In relation to:

1. Your priorities for this financial year include raising awareness with strategic partners on your role. Who are the strategic partners?
2. In the course of investigations, where do you refer matters for legal advice?

The Hon Michael Adams QC: The answers to the Member's questions are –

A1: The strategic partners include the Australian Federal Police and all oversight and integrity agencies nationwide whose organisations can assist the Commission in benchmarking administrative and operational objectives. The Commission's processes are so measured to ensure consistency, currency and professionalism.

A2: The Commissioner, a former Supreme Court Judge, is primarily responsible for determining all legal issues arising in the course of the Commission's work. He assisted by the Solicitor to the Commission, a former senior lawyer at the NSW ICAC. Legal advice may be sought from external legal counsel who have a particular expertise in a facet of the law. Legal advice may also be sought from the ACT Solicitor General relating to public administration.

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Signature:

Date: 28 October 2021

By the Chief Executive Officer, John Hoitink