



Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA

Addressed to: CHIEF MINISTER

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

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MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: Just one more. This letter from the Head of Service, is

it safe for me to assume that there is probably an equivalent letter signed on the same day that would have gone to an alternate leader?

Mr Barr: Well, I believe so but again—

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: I mean, from my experience of red books and blue books there would be exactly the same letter.

Mr Barr: Yes, I would imagine so.

MS CASTLEY: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Campbell: We can take that on notice.

THE CHAIR: So just for clarity, was that being taken on notice?

Mr Campbell: That is correct.

Mr Barr: Yes.

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

Yes, the Head of Service has advised me that, in accordance with Caretaker Conventions, the Public Service was prepared with a draft letter for an alternate leader if the public 'concession' and 'victory' speeches had been different. This letter would have been signed on the same day and would have gone to the alternate leader.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

Signature: 

Date: **15.10.25**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA