



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

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In relation to: Cabinet Decisions and Criteria for releasing cabinet decision summaries

Question received: 22 November 2025

Answer Due: 5 December 2025

(1) What criteria does the ACT Government and/or Chief Minister's office use when making decisions on when to release cabinet decision summaries on the Open Government Information portal in accordance with Part 4 of the Freedom of Information Act?

(2) On what date were cabinet decision summaries for the week commencing the 16th of June published as open access information?

(3) Why was this date chosen for the publication?

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

1. The criteria used when making decisions about when to release cabinet decision summaries on the Open Government Information portal, in accordance with Part 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, is "as soon as practicable after Cabinet has concluded its considerations".

"As soon as practicable" occurs following completion of internal administrative requirements to finalise Cabinet meetings and prepare decision summaries for release.

Once the administrative process is complete, I, as Chief Minister, bring forward a submission to Cabinet to note the upcoming release of Cabinet decision summaries and the summaries that are to be delayed for release until a later date.

Cabinet decision summaries may be delayed for release in order to—

- (a) preserve Cabinet's capacity to consider subsequent and related matters in confidence. For example, this may include decision summaries that indicate Cabinet has agreed to the development of legislation, which has not been the subject of a community consultation or presented to the Legislative Assembly yet, and
 - (b) allow the necessary timing for the decision of Cabinet to be carried out, for example, to allow a Minister to present a paper in the Legislative Assembly.
2. The Cabinet Decision Summaries were published on 18 November for the weeks of:
 - 5 May
 - 19 May
 - 26 May
 - 16 June
 - 14 July
 - 4 August

3. This date immediately followed the finalisation of the Cabinet meeting in which the release of the Cabinet decision summaries, including summaries for the week of 16 June 2025, were noted by Cabinet.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature: 

Date: **5.12.25**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA