



Referral from Assembly – inquiry on the Integrity Commission

Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commissioner and Statutory Office Holders relating to the referral of an inquiry into the ACT Integrity Commission on 25 February 2026.

The terms of the referred inquiry are to consider the resourcing of the Integrity Commission, the implementation of the recommendations from the Report of the Independent Review into the ACT's *Integrity Commission Act 2018* by Mr Ian Govey, the potential use of taxpayer funded legal assistance in respect of reports by the ACT Integrity Commissioner and other related matters.

The Standing Committee on the Integrity Commissioner and Statutory Office Holders has always intended on conducting such an inquiry. The Committee seeks to also consider as part of this inquiry the performance of the Integrity Commissioner since the Govey review was undertaken, and the impact of the first tranche of legislative amendments passed in 2024.

The Committee has sought to time the commencement of the inquiry with the implementation of the outstanding recommendations of the Govey review which are expected to address the more substantive or time intensive matters. The Committee has been corresponding with the Chief Minister over the last year in relation to the timing of the legislative program in this regard and will commence the inquiry soon.