



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 21 November 2023: Mr Peter Garrison took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: So, with respect to the matter Drumgold v Board of Inquiry, is the ACT government still representing the territory?

Mr Garrison: Yes.

THE CHAIR: And are you personally handling the ACT Solicitor's representation of the territory or has it been assigned to another ACT Government Solicitor?

Mr Garrison: There are senior lawyers in my office responsible for the matter. I have got overall responsibility for the matter of course. And we have external counsel briefed to appear, advise and appear in the matter.

THE CHAIR: So, are you able to say who is actually instructing this senior counsel?

Mr Garrison: That would be the practice leader of our constitutional law of the Public Law Group.

THE CHAIR: And who is that?

Mr Garrison: Mr Kettle.

THE CHAIR: And do you mind saying who the senior counsel is that you have briefed?

Mr Garrison: Certainly. It is Kate Eastman SC.

THE CHAIR: And who is his junior?

Mr Garrison: The junior is—I just had a momentary lapse of attention, lapse of memory.

THE CHAIR: It might come back to you during the day or you can take it on notice.

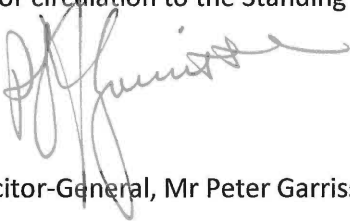
Mr Garrison: Certainly. I apologise for that.

Solicitor-General: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Ms Alison Hammond is Junior Counsel engaged in the matter of Shane Drumgold v Board of Inquiry & Ors.

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Signature:



Date: 23/11/23

By the Solicitor-General, Mr Peter Garrison