



Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Redirected to:

In relation to: Budget process and financial reporting and Health budget information to Treasury

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

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MS CASTLEY: When Treasury informed about the situation in the health portfolio with regard to the budget?

Mr Barr: Well, you would need to ask the Treasurer. I can take that on notice on his behalf if you would like.

MS CASTLEY: That would be great, thank you. And when did Treasury first provide you with analysis, advice or briefings about the situation or its implications for the budget?

Mr Barr: Well, Treasury did not, because I was not the Treasurer after the election. But I will take on notice when the Treasurer was provided that information.

THE CHAIR: As Chief Minister, when were you made aware of it?

Mr Barr: Well, as part of the midyear review update process. I will take on notice the date of the first ERC meeting if that would be helpful for the committee.

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Prior to my appointment as Treasurer, Treasury officials received year-to-date management discussion and analysis reporting for the first three months of 2024-25 on 18 October 2024. This occurred through routine agency financial reporting that is then subject to quality assurance and discussions with relevant agencies, in order to publish the September Quarter 2024 Consolidated Financial Report. The September Quarter Consolidated Financial Report was published on 13 November 2024. This data was not an estimate of a potential full-year impact for 2024-25.

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As Treasurer, I was first provided advice and briefed by Treasury on CHS costs through an incoming government brief, provided to me on 11 November 2024.

The CHS cost pressure was first considered by the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet on 9 December 2024.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

Signature:



By the Treasurer, Chris Steel MLA

Date:

29/7/25