



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Elizabeth Kikkert MLA (Chair), Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by LEANNE CASTLEY MLA:

[Ref: Icon water (ACT Budget 2021-22 Statement B (CMTEDD))]

In relation to:

Has the Minister, the executive of Icon Water or ACTEWAGL sought or received any advice in relation to Australian competition and consumer law, or the ACT Governments competitive neutrality? If so, please provide that advice.

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

Over 2020-21 I have not sought or received any advice in relation to the matter referred to in the question.

I am advised by Icon Water that both Icon Water and ActewAGL obtain legal advice on a range of subjects in the normal course of business. Both entities monitor developments in relation to competition and consumer law to assess implications for their businesses, including in relation to the unfair contract provisions in the Australian Consumer Law and the proposed consumer data right in relation to energy.

Legal advice is protected by legal professional privilege and accordingly no further details are available.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Signature: 

Date: 10.11.2021

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA