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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on Thursday 26 June 2014: Mr Simon Corbell MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Disciplinary investigations
[JACS #14]

THE CHAIR: All right. When a disciplinary matter is started inside the Ambulance Service, how long do they normally take to resolve?

Mr Lane: Mr Chair, that is a difficult question to answer in that it depends upon the nature of the matter. All ACTAS staff are subject to the broader ACT public sector guidelines in relation to the management of disciplinary processes and are handled in accordance with those processes.

THE CHAIR: All right. So, sorry, the bulk of them are covered in a month, two months, a quarter?

Mr Corbell: I think, as Mr Lane says, it is difficult to quantify that exactly. We would have to interrogate what data is available and see whether or not we could give you a figure on that. So if you do want a more specific figure, we can do our best to try and obtain that. But I would have to take that on notice in terms of obtaining that.

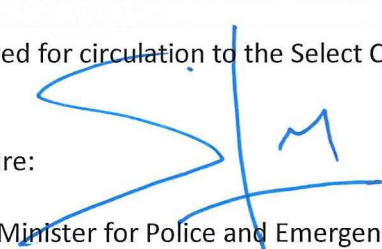
Mr Simon Corbell MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

A review of disciplinary process data for the ACT Ambulance Service (ACTAS) for the past two financial years shows that one disciplinary process was undertaken during this time, taking 10 months to complete. Two disciplinary cases for ACTAS are ongoing.

There is no defined time-frame for the completion of a disciplinary process. The Directorate strives to have disciplinary processes completed in a timely manner, however, timeframes vary depending on the circumstances and complexity of the matter. Each case is considered individually by the delegate, with relevant action being determined based on the nature of the matter.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

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Date:

7.7.14

By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Simon Corbell MLA