



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

In relation to: CMTEDD and Separation Payment - Chief of Staff

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Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

MRS MORRIS: Thank you, chair. Chief Minister, how much have Canberrans paid in separation payments to the former Deputy Chief Minister's former Chief of Staff, who had serious corrupt conduct findings made against him?

[...]

MRS MORRIS: You are not aware how much was paid?

Mr Barr: No, it would be pretty unusual for me to have information on individuals.

MRS MORRIS: So you do not know how much was paid?

Mr Barr: I do not know now, I will need to take that on notice.

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Mr Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

No separation payment was made to the former Deputy Chief Minister's Chief of Staff. He resigned from his position in Minister Berry's office effective 21 January 2021.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature: 

By the Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA

Date: 6.8.26