



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 Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

In relation to: ACT Fire and Rescue Union officials entering fire stations

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Mr Wayne Phillips took on notice the following question(s):

MS CASTLEY: Yes, okay. How many instances were recorded where a union official entered, attempted to enter, or remained at an ACT Fire & Rescue workplace without complying with applicable workplace access requirements, directions, protocols, or legislative obligations for that four-year period? And does the ACT Emergency Services Agency, ACT Fire and Rescue, the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, or any related ACT government entity hold records, in TRIM, Objective, or any successor records management system relating to allegations of hazing, initiation practices, inappropriate alcohol-related conduct at functions, trips, et cetera?

THE CHAIR: Sorry, one second, Ms Castley. Can I just confirm the last question?

Do you hold that data, and are you taking it on notice? Because there is—

Mr Phillips: Only if we have received the complaints about that. Sorry, Ms Castley. If someone has complained about it, we will have data on the complaints, but not data on allegations that have not been brought to us as an agency or to JACS.

MS CASTLEY: Yes, no, I am just talking about the ones that would be recorded with you throughout whatever systems you have had over that four-year period.

Mr Phillips: Yes, yes, great. Great, yes.

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Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

I have been advised that there have been zero recorded occurrences of union official access without complying with relevant requirements between 2022-23 and 2026 to date.

In response to the second part of the question, the Justice and Community Safety Directorate does hold records relating to the types of allegations referred to in the question.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA