



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

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Mr Mark Parton MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

In relation to: Public Sector Standards Commissioner and Retrospective Terminations

Hearing: 4 August 2026

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Answer Due: 12 August 2026

Ms Christina Thompson and Commissioner Matcalfe: took on notice the following question(s):

**MR PARTON:** Yes, can I just ask, has there ever been a case or would it even be possible in a scenario whereby the Public Sector Standards Commissioner was investigating a public servant, that public servant left ACTPS. In the event that, as you have outlined in evidence in this hearing, in the event that that investigation continued and delivered an extremely negative outcome, would it even be possible to retrospectively terminate the employment of that public servant as a consequence of those findings?

**Ms Thompson:** I think that would be more a question for the directorate.

**Mr Metcalfe:** We have taken that question on notice, Mr Parton, so it is imminent.

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

I refer the member to the response provided in QTON 159 – ACTPS and Operation Kingfisher Report in relation to retrospective termination of employment.

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

Signature:

Date: **13.8.26**

By the Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA