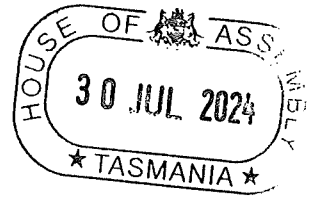


# CONSTITUENT QUESTION

## House of Assembly



ASKED BY: Rebecca White MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Guy Barnett MP  
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

### QUESTION:

Civil society groups point out that in July 2022 the Department of Justice commissioned a discussion paper on legislative reform of the Integrity Commission Act. Does your government remain committed to progressing this reform? If so, when will you provide an update on the legislative changes the government plans to introduce?

### ANSWER:

In 2016, the Hon William Cox AC, RFD, ED, QC undertook an independent statutory review of the *Integrity Commission Act 2009*. In 2017, the Government actioned the first 6 recommendations by introducing amendments to address technical and other relatively straightforward matters.

In 2022, the Government published a discussion paper seeking feedback on legislative reforms concerning remaining Cox Review recommendations as well as a number of new issues raised by the Integrity Commission. There were 21 submissions received. Since the 2022 discussion paper, additional matters have been raised by the Integrity Commission. There are also potential reforms arising out of recommendations in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings.

The Department of Justice is currently considering and undertaking research and analysis into these matters. Many of these further reforms involve complex policy issues affecting fundamental legal rights and the way in which the *Integrity Commission Act 2009* is administered. This requires detailed consideration and analysis; issues are often interrelated and are being dealt with as a package.

It is expected that this work will be further built upon by the review to be undertaken in accordance with the Confidence and Stability Agreement between the Premier and Parliamentary Members of the Jacqui Lambie Network, which requires a review of the Integrity Commission, with an eye to giving it greater capability to conduct its work, within 12 months of the agreement's 10 April 2024 execution date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Guy Barnett MP  
**Attorney-General**  
**Minister for Justice**

Date: 13 July 2024