

Caretaker Conventions – Marinus Agreement Termination Clause

Mr GARLAND question to MINISTER for ENERGY and RENEWABLES

My question is from Joan from Natone. The guidelines on the caretaker conventions and the operations of government during caretaker period specify that if it is not possible to defer a major contract or agreement until after the caretaker period for legal, commercial or other reasons, then the minister, after agreement with the Premier, should consult the relevant opposition spokesperson regarding the commitment. Agencies should also ensure new contracts entered into during the caretaker period include clauses providing for termination in the event of an incoming government not wishing to proceed.

Minister, at the time that you signed the Marinus agreement, the election votes were still being counted and it was not clear which party would form government. Therefore, could you please state whether the Marinus agreement contains a termination clause as specified in the guidelines on caretaker conventions?