

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Rebecca White MP

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

QUESTION:


On 17 October 2023, you announced a suitably qualified and independent person would be appointed to undertake an independent review into whether public officers who received a grant of legal assistance during the commission of inquiry acted in good faith and if not, whether they should be required to reimburse the Crown for expenses incurred.

Mr Sam Tatarka OAM was appointed to this role late last year. Has he completed his review? Were any recommendations made that public officers who received a grant of legal assistance during the commission of inquiry are required to reimburse the Crown for the legal fees and, if so, how many have been required to do this and how much money is being repaid?

ANSWER:

Mr Tatarka has not yet completed his review. It is anticipated that Mr Tatarka will conclude his review in October 2024.

A final report will be submitted to me as Attorney-General, on behalf of Government, at the conclusion of the review. The outcomes of the review and the recommendations will be made public, as permitted by law.



Hon Guy Barnett MP
Attorney-General
Minister for Justice

Date: 23/8/24