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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****9 May 2025****Question No. 396****MR CAIN:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. What has been the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) total staffing level and budget in each financial year since 2018, and how has that resourcing aligned with caseload trends.
2. Since 2018, has the DPP advised Government of any emerging risks to prosecutorial capacity due to funding shortfalls, staff recruitment or retention challenges, or technology limitations.
3. Since 2018, how many criminal trials or hearings have been adjourned or vacated due to unavailability of DPP staff or internal scheduling/resource constraints.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. This information is publicly available in the Financial Management Reporting sections of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Annual Reports ([Annual Reports - DPP](#)).
2. Yes, the DPP has consistently advised Government of emerging risks.



3. Since April 2024, when Ms Engel commenced as Director, no criminal trials or hearings have been adjourned or vacated due to unavailability of DPP staff or internal scheduling/resource constraints. No data is available about this metric for the period before May 2024.

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