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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Questions on Notice Paper No 6 9 May 2025 Question No. 396

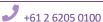
MR CAIN: To ask the Attorney-General —

- What has been the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) total staffing level and budget in 1. 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.

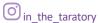
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3. Since April 2024, when Ms Engel commenced as Director, no criminal trials or hearings have been adjourned or vacated due to unavailability of DPP staff or internal scheduling/resource constraints. No data is available about this metric for the period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

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