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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 4****21 March 2025****Question No. 224****MR CAIN:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. Does Legal Aid ACT employee Mr Rob Reis provide advice on employment law.
2. Can the Minister detail, citing from Mr Rob Reis' application to work at Legal Aid ACT, the employment law experience he detailed.
3. Does Legal Aid ACT's email policy permit the use of Legal Aid email for a second paid employment; if so, (a) on what basis would it be permitted, and (b) does this permission need to be sought.
4. Where permission has not been sought, as referred to in part (3), is this a breach of the ACT public service code of conduct.
5. Are employees required to advise Legal Aid ACT if they are seeking additional employment.
6. Did Mr Reis advise his supervisor he was nominating to be President of the ACT Law Society; if so, when did this occur.
7. Was the Attorney-General advised that Mr Reis was nominating to be President of the ACT Law Society.
8. Did Mr Reis, on being employed by Legal Aid ACT, declare his employment by the University of Canberra where he is an Adjunct Professor.
9. Is failure to declare additional employment a breach of the ACT public service code of conduct.



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

Legal Aid ACT is an independent statutory authority. I have sought advice from Legal Aid to respond to this question on notice, and they have advised me as follows:

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. Yes.
 - a. In accordance with the Legal Aid Internet and Email policy.
 - b. Yes.
4. A breach of the ACT Public Service Code of Conduct can involve many variables which would need to be considered in each situation.
5. Yes.
6. Yes, on 24 October 2024.
7. No.
8. Yes.
9. A breach of the ACT Public Service Code of Conduct can involve many variables which would need to be considered in each situation.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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