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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****9 May 2025****Question No. 380****MR CAIN:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. Has any legal advice provided by the ACT Solicitor-General to Cabinet, ministers, or directorates since 2018 subsequently been found to be legally flawed by a court ruling; if so, can the Attorney-General outline the matters involved.
2. How many pieces of written legal advice has the ACT Solicitor-General issued in the last three financial years, and in how many cases was this advice relied upon to support Cabinet or legislative decisions.
3. Has the Solicitor-General provided legal advice that conflicted with a proposed or adopted Cabinet policy, since 2018; if so, what process was followed to address that conflict.



TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

The Solicitor-General provides advice to the Territory, its government agencies, ministers and statutory office holders on a range of matters. The Government relies on the advice of the Solicitor-General and the ACT Government Solicitor in a range of administrative, legislative and operational matters. It is the nature of legal challenges to Government decisions that they are adversarial and will be determined by the facts and legal principles in a particular matter. A manual search of a large number of records would be required to answer the Member's question which would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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