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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****9 May 2025****Question No. 369****MR CAIN:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. How long has the current ACT Solicitor-General held the role in total.
2. How does this tenure compare to previous holders of the office in the ACT or in other jurisdictions.
3. Has the ACT Government received any internal advice, correspondence, or concerns suggesting that such a long tenure in the role may affect the independence, diversity, or adaptability of the office; if so, can the Attorney-General provide this information.
4. What specific strategic, institutional, or legal considerations were cited in the Cabinet submission (if one was prepared) to support a five-year extension rather than a shorter renewal or transition arrangement.
5. Is there a succession plan in place for the eventual transition of the Solicitor-General role.
6. Has the Government assessed whether prolonged incumbency could limit professional development or diversity in the senior ACT Government legal community; if so, can the Attorney-General provide the assessment.

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

1. The Solicitor-General has occupied the role since 2011.
2. The office of Solicitor-General was created in 2011
3. Not to my knowledge.
4. It is not appropriate for me to comment on the deliberations of Cabinet.
5. No.



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