

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Chief Minister:

ICAC Inspector report into News Corp Complaint

On Wednesday 5 January 2022, the Report by the Inspector Pursuant to Section 140(3) of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017 into a Complaint by News Corp Australia, the Northern Territory and Matt Williams was made public. In the report the Inspector states; “On 25 June 2021, the ICAC released a Public Statement purportedly pursuant to section 55 of the ICAC Act entitled *By the Length of the Straight*. On the previous day, 24 June 2021, the ICAC had provided the Chief Minister, who is the Minister responsible for the ICAC, a Report dealing with the same subject matter. This report has not been tabled in the Legislative Assembly, nor otherwise made public”.

In relation to the above:

1. Can you provide a copy of the Report you received from the ICAC the day before *By the Length of the Straight* was released publicly?
2. Was the Chief Minister – or any member of his staff – aware that the report entitled *By the Length of the Straight* had been amended at the last minute to remove reference to the allegations outlined by the ICAC Inspector report on 5 January 2022?
3. When will you table the Report in the Legislative Assembly?
4. Why haven't you tabled the Report before now?

Answer:

1. Distribution of the report would constitute an offence under the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017*.
2. No.
3. See answer 1.
4. See answer 1.