



## MEDIA RELEASE

### ACT Integrity Commission confirms legal proceedings relating to Operation Kingfisher

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The Commission can confirm legal proceedings were commenced by Ms Katy Haire, head of the ACT Education Directorate, in the ACT Supreme Court on 2 September 2023, with a Directions hearing held on 7 September. The proceedings concern Operation Kingfisher, which is an investigation involving the conduct of Ms Haire, amongst others, in connection with the procurement of a construction contract for the refurbishment of Campbell Primary School.

On 18 September 2023 the matter was listed in the Directions list for a final hearing date to be set down. The first hearing date of 27 November 2023 was not suitable to Ms Haire and consequently a listing date of 5 February 2024 was determined.

On 15 March 2024 Ms Haire sought further adjournment and on 15 April 2024 a final hearing date of 25 November 2024 was determined.

The Commission is defending the matter and has engaged external legal counsel to act on its behalf.

This legal action has not hindered the investigation.

The next stage in the Commission's investigation will occur on 8 July 2024, with a public hearing to receive submissions from both Counsel Assisting the Commissioner and, in response, counsel on behalf of interested persons.

As per the Commission's [update on 8 May 2024](#), the postponement of the public hearing was to provide all relevant parties with adequate time to consider and prepare responses to the submissions produced by Counsel Assisting. Following this process, a draft report will be prepared by the Commissioner and provided to parties under the required procedural fairness requirements of the *Integrity Commission Act 2018*. After consideration of any comments that interested parties may make, the Commissioner will make a final report to the Legislative Assembly.

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