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AUDITOR GENERAL AMENDMENT ACT

1247. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

My question without notice of which some notice has been given is to the Leader of the House representing the Treasurer.

I refer to the Auditor General Amendment Act 2022.

- (1) Has the act been proclaimed by the Governor?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Has the Treasurer read the Auditor General's annual report for 2022–23?
- (4) Will the Treasurer publicly respond to the issues raised by the Auditor General in her annual report on page 111 in relation to potential political interference with this important independent institution?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

Just to confirm, honourable member, I represent the Treasurer in this place. I thank the member for some notice of the question.

(1)–(4) The Auditor General Amendment Act 2022 has not been proclaimed while feedback from the Auditor General on its proposed implementation is being carefully considered. Existing protocols as outlined in the *Cabinet handbook* have been in operation under successive governments since 2007 and continue to operate.