



Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Hearing date: 29 August 2025

Question taken on notice

Directed to: Ambulance Victoria, Jordan Emery

Received date: 12 September 2025

1. P. 19–20 Georgie Crozier

Question: Who authorised the guards of honour?

Georgie CROZIER: Could we have a copy of those emails that you have received?

Jordan EMERY: I will take that on notice, but I would suggest we would release those to this committee, yes.

Georgie CROZIER: Thank you. And any other documents that are relating to that issue.

Jordan EMERY: Of course.

Response:

This question arises from the following exchange, reflecting on transcript:

Jordan EMERY: Those reports are subject to privilege, but the actions taken on that day were wrong, yes.

Georgie CROZIER: Who authorised the guards of honour?

Jordan EMERY: Given that I was not here at that time, I do not –

Georgie CROZIER: But it is in the report.

Jordan EMERY: The report is subject to legal and professional privilege. There is some contention. All I would say is there are materials in the correspondence that suggest – sorry, I should be very clear. In the email correspondence as it relates to 2021 that underscored my correction, there is a letter of thanks from the family.

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Jordan EMERY: I will take that on notice, but I would suggest we would release those to this committee, yes.

Georgie CROZIER: Thank you. And any other documents that are relating to that issue.

Response:

In respect of the question on notice regarding who authorised the guards of honour, as I stated to the committee I was commenced employment at Ambulance Victoria approximately 2 months ago, which is approximately 4 years after the Guards of Honour in September 2021. I do not have any direct knowledge of those matters, including any internal authorisation.

My response therefore includes providing copies of the attached emails, which I reviewed that underscored the correction response dated 13 August 2025 and in my preparation for my appearance before the Committee on 29 August 2025. I am providing the emails to the Committee consistent with Ambulance Victoria's commitment to transparency with the Committee.

While Ambulance Victoria has not identified an explicit written record of authorisation pertaining to the guards of honour, the attached emails identified to me involvement of the CEO's office, including the former CEO at that time, Mr Tony Walker in authorising guards of honour attendance.

To the extent that the question relates to investigation reports, Ambulance Victoria maintains all materials prepared as part of the investigation, including any supporting correspondence, are confidential and subject to legal professional privilege as they were prepared for the dominant purpose of Ambulance Victoria obtaining legal advice.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – letter from the AV CEO to the Committee

Attachment 2.1 through to 2.5 – supporting information for the QoN