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ICAC Commissioner set to be a Political appointment

The Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins MLA, has questioned the integrity of the appointment of the Commissioner for the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

“The independence and impartiality of the ICAC must be guaranteed through an open and transparent appointment process for the Commissioner.

“The Attorney General in Parliament today rejected the notion that the ICAC Commissioner would be appointed by the Legislative Assembly, despite recommendations to the contrary by a scrutiny committee, the majority of members of which are Labor MLAs.

“Empowering the Attorney General and Cabinet to make the final decision on the appointment of the Commissioner completely undermines the integrity of the establishment of the ICAC, before it has even began.

“The appointment process of the ICAC Commissioner is the lynchpin to the independence and impartiality of the ICAC, and should not be a political appointment.

“The Commissioner’s appointment should be signed off by the Legislative Assembly, to ensure that the decision and the reasons behind the appointment are on the public record, for all to review.”

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