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**QTON No. 14**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**Friday, 5 March 2021**

Asked by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA on 5 March 2021: Mr Michael Harris took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 5 March 2021, PAGE #89]

In relation to:

[What is the most expensive jurisdiction in which to perform a performance audit and what is the cheapest jurisdiction?](#)

Mr Michael Harris: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

[In relation to the cost for performance audits, comparing costs across different jurisdictions is difficult because the size, complexity and scope of performance audits differ considerably. Anecdotal information shows that the most expensive jurisdiction is Victoria and the least expensive jurisdiction is the ACT. The ACT Audit Office is unable to publish other jurisdictions individual data and is not able to provide evidence based information to answer this question. The ACT Auditor-General is happy to brief the Public Accounts Committee in private on any specific details that can't be released publicly.](#)

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

Date: 15/03/2021

By the Auditor-General for ACT Audit Office, Michael Harris