

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023 Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA on 29 August 2022: Mr Duncan Edghill took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 August 2022.

In relation to:

Ms Lee: Thank you, Chair. And I have got a series of questions for MPC. So Mr Edghill, I assume.

Obviously, Mr Edghill, you would be aware of part 2, division 2.1, section 9, of the Public Sector Management Act, which requires a public servant to disclose any mal-administration or corrupt or fraudulent conduct by a public servant or public sector member. And that disclosure is to be made to the Head of Service. Can you please explain to the committee whether in your tenure, as Head of MPC, you have made any disclosures under that section to the Head of Service?

**Mr Edghill**: Duncan Edghill, Chief Projects Officer, Major Projects Canberra. I will take that question on notice if I may-

**Ms Lee**: Okay. Whilst you are taking that on notice, Mr Edghill, could you provide a breakdown in the last five years, or since your tenure, per year that that disclosure has been made.

**Mr Edghill**: Yes. Noting that Major Projects Canberra came into existence 1 July 2019. And so I am happy to do for the existence of Major Projects Canberra.

**Ms Lee**: From that period, yes. And can you also provide that time, or if you remember, how that disclosure is made? Is it a—by email, by face to face, telephone, is there a standard form—how you make that disclosure? And what is the process that the Head of Service undertakes once a disclosure of that kind is made?

**Mr Edghill**: Processes that the Head of Service undertakes is probably a question best directed to the Head of Service. But I am happy to take the remainder of the question on notice.

## Mr Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: -

For the period that he has been in the role, the Chief Projects Officer of Major Projects Canberra advises me that he has not been satisfied that there was any maladministration or corrupt or fraudulent conduct by a public servant requiring disclosure to the Head of Service pursuant to section 9 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: Andrew Ja-

Date: 6.9.22

By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA