



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Leanne Castley 8 November 2022: Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Think Garden

THE CHAIR: All right, I will move onto—I just have a question about Think Garden. Chief Minister, has Mr Patrick Hollingworth, or anyone from Think Garden, been hired by Chief Minister Treasury and Economic Development Directorate through any vehicle either directly or indirectly at any stage over the last five years? Now and the reason I specify as to any vehicle is that it is often not clear on the contracts register who the owners of companies are.

Mr Barr: Not that I am aware of, but we will check, we will check that, I am certainly aware, obviously, of the contract that has been talked about in relation to the Canberra Institute of Technology but within this directorate, I do not believe so, but we will double check that.

THE CHAIR: So take that one on notice?

Mr Barr: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Mr Barr: But I think the answer is no, but I will absolutely confirm that.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

A search of the relevant ABN in the financial system and a search of the Contracts Register for Patrick Hollingworth company names (Think Garden; Think.Garden; and Redrouge; Red Rouge) has identified no contractual or financial arrangement with CMTEDD.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

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Date: 16/11/22

By the Acting Chief Minister, Yvette Berry MLA