



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Cain on 31 July 2023: Mr Steel MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Professional and Consulting Services Panel

MR CAIN: Is there an effort to make sure that there is not a monopoly provider of a particular service on this panel?

Ms Mirzabegian: Certainly, we do have requirements to approach all those providers on that category, and as I said, we do have several providers per category.

MR CAIN: Are you able to provide a breakdown of work provided by a company on this panel for the last three years, and this year through to end of April?

Ms Mirzabegian: I would have to take that on notice, but yes, we can.

MR CAIN: Thank you. Are you able to separate payments where the work was on a single select basis—perhaps they were the only provider—versus a request for quotes more broadly?

Ms Mirzabegian: I would need to take that on notice.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Details of each professional and consulting services panel (panel) supplier and relevant notifiable work orders are available at <https://www.tenders.act.gov.au/contract/view?id=183998> (click on each listed supplier for further information on specific work orders).

Government buyers are encouraged to seek at least three quotations for services with an estimated total value of \$25,000 or more. According to data from the vendor management system, from the commencement of the panel to 30 June 2023, 200 Requests for Quotation (RFQ) were for procurements with a total estimated value of \$25,000 or more. Of these, in 11 instances, one quotation was sought. The vendor management system estimates the total upper limit dollar value of these 11 instances, at the time of RFQ, to be \$1,900,000.

It should be noted that the estimated dollar value is represented as a range on the vendor management system (for example, \$25,000 to \$50,000; or \$100,000 to \$150,000). Reporting is based on RFQs processed through the vendor management system. Use of the vendor management system is not mandated.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Chris Steel".

Date:

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By Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA