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Inquiry into Auditor-General performance Audit Reports July – December 2023
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Peter Cain MLA:

In relation to: AG Audit Report 10/2023 and Human Resources Information Management System Program

- (1) Section 3 of Report 10 states, “Planning for the HRIMS Program was poor”. How is this possible when three feasibility studies were conducted.
- (2) Who was the Minister at the time who approved the initial \$15m of funding for HRIMS despite the fact it would run more than 500 per cent over budget.
- (3) Who were all the responsible Ministers at one point or another throughout the program.

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

- (1) A feasibility study is a preliminary exploration of a proposed project or undertaking to determine its merits and viability. Feasibility studies feed into program planning and the design phase. Further consideration of the planning of the HRIMS Program is made in the Auditor-General’s report and are detailed in the Auditor-General’s findings.
- (2) The HRIMS Program was established following the appropriation of funding in the 2017-18 ACT Budget.
- (3) There have been several responsible Ministers for this program. These include the Special Minister of State, the Minister for Government Services and Procurement and the Chief Minister.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA