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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

Ms Nicole Lawder MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: ACT Health

Hearing Date: 25/07/2024

In relation to: ACT Health and Digital Health Record

QON lodgement Date: 30/07/2024

Answer Due date: 06/08/2024

- (1) What was the original budget approved by Cabinet for the Digital Health Record?
- (2) What is the total overspend against this budget to date?
- (3) What is the total spend of the Digital Health Record to date? (This should include all costs including contractors, capital expenditure, operating expenditure, ACT Government staffing costs, legal costs etc...)
 - (a) Could the Minister provide a breakdown of this spend for each financial year since the project commenced?
- (4) What is the burn rate of the project per day? (This should include all costs including contractors, capital expenditure, operating expenditure, ACT Government staffing costs, legal costs etc...)
 - (a) Could the Minister provide a breakdown of all contractors that have been used to conduct audits of any aspect of DHR to date? This should include
 - (a) the suppliers name
 - (b) the current amount for the contract
 - (c) the contract number
 - (d) contract name.
- (5) Has there been any disciplinary action taken against individuals following the Whix Consulting Pty Ltd audit (contract number: PIHD0001398)?
 - (a) Can the Minister provide detail whether any findings as a result of the Whix Consulting audit or any other external or internal audit has resulted in disciplinary action against NTT or any other individuals?
 - (b) Has there been any referral to the PSSU, ACT Integrity Commission? If so, provide details of when this was referred and for what reason.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Please refer to answer to QTON 60.
2. Please refer to answer to QTON 60.
3. Please refer to QTON 60 for total expenditure to 30 June 2024. The expenditure, broken down by year, is as follows:
 - (a) \$5 million for financial year 2019-20;
 - (b) \$30 million for financial year 2020-21;
 - (c) \$50 million for financial year 2021-22;
 - (d) \$126 million for financial year 2022-23;
 - (e) \$112 million for financial year 2023-24.
4. On the basis that DHR is now part of business-as-usual operations of the Digital Solutions Division (DSD), the burn rate information is not applicable. The burn rate for the DHR Project in the lead-up to go-live was \$165,000 per day, as per the response to QON 1018 signed on 7 February 2023.

During the DHR Project there was significant governance, including several program reviews and assurances. Following the delivery of the DHR, ACTHD has commissioned the following management-initiated reviews and audits:

Period	Contractor Name	Contract number	Contract name	Amount
February 2023	KPMG	2019.29912.21033 (panel deed)	DSD Budget and Financial Management Review	\$149,005.51 (Inc GST)
August 2023	Whix Consulting	PIHD0001398	Review of Supplier Invoices	\$33,640.00 (Inc GST)
May 2024	KPMG	2019.29912.21033 (panel deed)	Digital Health Record (DHR) Assurance Review	\$148,375.04 (Inc GST)

5. (a) ACTHD officials have advised that action has been taken.
 - (b) Please refer to the statement issued by the Integrity Commission issued on 7 August 2024. The Interim ACTHD Director-General, Dave Peffer, has publicly stated that he referred the matter to the Integrity Commissioner. I am advised by ACTHD officials that no referrals have been made to the PSSU to date.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



Date: 15/8/2024

By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA