



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 57

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Asked by MR COE MLA:

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Procurement and Capital Works, Output 8.1

In relation to Procurement Board – MOU with Unions ACT:

1. Has the Procurement Board ever given or received advice on the MOU with Unions ACT?
 - a. If so:
 - i. What advice was given or received?
 - ii. When was advice given or received?
 - iii. To or from whom was advice given or received?
2. What involvement does the Board have with Unions act in relation to the MOU with Unions ACT?
 - a. Can the Board overrule advice provided by Unions ACT?
 - b. Does the Board have to approve changes proposed by Unions ACT to contracts?
 - c. Is the Board advised of Unions ACT's comments on procurements?

Mr BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Government Procurement Board has not given any advice on the MOU with UnionsACT. The Board received informal verbal briefing on the MOU with UnionsACT from the Executive Director of then Procurement and Capital Works in response to members' questions about the MOU when the revised MOU was being promulgated. The advice was on the content of the MOU and reference that it was available on the Procurement website.
2. The role of the Government Procurement Board is to provide advice in the development of procurement proposals/documentation before the Territory approaches the market, to facilitate the achievement of value for money. The Government Procurement Board has no role in the evaluation of tender responses and hence has not involvement in, or role associated with, advice received from UnionsACT under the MOU.
 - a. The Government Procurement Board does not have the authority to overrule decisions and has no involvement in commenting on advice provided by Unions.
 - b. The Government Procurement Board is not involved in the development of contracts.
 - c. No.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA

