



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QTON No. 20

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

ALISTAIR COE MLA (CHAIR), MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), ANDREW BRADDOCK MLA

**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE NO 20**  
**Friday, 5 March 2021**

Asked by **MR COE** on **5 MARCH 2021: THE SPEAKER**, took on notice the following question:

[Ref: 5 March 2021, UPT p 34]

In relation to:

How long the currently vacant research officer position in Committee Support has been vacant for?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The position became vacant on 2 July 2020 but, due to the fact that Assembly committees were winding down at that time due to the approaching Assembly election, the position was not immediately advertised for filling. With the aim of having the position filled by early 2021 to coincide with the commencement of committee activity in the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly, the vacancy was advertised on 1 December 2020. A higher than expected number of candidates applied for the vacancy and this has delayed the finalisation of the selection process. However, that process was finalised in the past week and an offer of appointment has been made in recent days.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

By Joy Burch MLA, Speaker

Date:

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