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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 24 February 2022

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA on 24 FEBRUARY 2022: ROBERT WRIGHT took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Allegations of fraud and corruption

[See Assembly on Demand from 4.18pm]

1. MS LEE: Got. Thank you very much for the clarification. So my question is about the number that is referred to in the CMTEDD report, 138. It says that the senior executive responsible for business integrity received 12 allegations of fraud and corruption, six matters received that did not relate to CMTEDD staff and six that did. Do you have information on the six that did not relate to CMTEDD staff and where they are from?

Mr Wright: Thank you, Ms Lee, for your question. So we do not normally go into the individual matters. When I say that in the report here, that those matters relate to people who were not CMTEDD staff, that might be allegations in relation to organisations that do business with CMTEDD, it might be staff in other directorates.

MS LEE: Do you have a breakdown of that stat?

Mr Wright: I do not have a breakdown of that stat, Ms Lee.

2. MS LEE: Yes. And the very last couple of sentences talks about the different breakdown of what the result has been for some of those. Do we know what the status is of the investigations as yet? Have any been completed—the investigations by the Public Sector Investigations Unit?

Mr Wright: Apologies, Ms Lee, I would need to take that on notice.

3. MS LEE: No worries. Okay. And in terms of the 12 in that reporting period, how does that compare to the previous reporting period?

Mr Wright: I would need to take that on notice, Ms Lee.

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

1. Of the six matters that did not relate to CMTEDD staff four related to matters within the ACTPS and two were external.
2. Of the two matters we referred to the Public Sector Investigations Unit which were awaiting finalisation at the time of writing the Annual Report (P138), both of these matters have now been finalised with one matter substantiated and the other not.
3. During the 2020-21 period, the SERBIR received 12 allegations of fraud and corruption with six of those pertaining to CMTEDD staff. During the previous period of 2019-20 the SERBIR also received six allegations of fraud and corruption pertaining to CMTEDD staff.

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA