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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE** **3 March 2022**

Asked by LEANNE CASTLEY MLA on 3 MARCH 2022: KAREENA ARTHY took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Canberra Cyber Hub

THE CHAIR: Can I ask about the cost. How much did the research project cost? What were the costs involved with that?

Ms Arthy: I do not have this with me. I will see if I can get it before the end of these hearings. If not, I will take it on notice.

THE CHAIR: Is it the Nous Group? Are they still on the public payroll? I am happy for you to take that one on notice as well.

I want to talk a bit more about the education portal. The report says it was supposed to be launched in late 2021. However, in the media release on 10 December 2021, Chief Minister, you indicated that the portal would not launch until 2022. Can you talk to us about why this project has been delayed?

Mr Barr: COVID, in short. There was a massive diversion of resources across the entirety of government into the COVID response.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

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

The Nous group provided consultancy services to support the establishment of cyber security cluster including running workshops, stakeholder consultations, supporting co-design elements and delivery of options for a model for the cluster. The total contract value was \$132,795.37 (incl GST). The Nous Group's contract has concluded, and the website is due to launch in March 2022

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By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA