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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA on 29 August 2022: Mr Duncan Edghill took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Ms Lee: Thank you, Chair. So, all right. Given that you are considering that to be a hypothetical, can you outline instances, whilst you have been Head of MPC, of occasions where a tender recommendation by MPC has been overturned? And can you provide how many occasions?

Mr Edghill: Again, I am happy to take that question on notice. I think, if I may, a point of clarification around the question? Within Major Projects Canberra we effectively manage two types of infrastructure project. The first one are the major projects themselves, which are the ones where we have direct ministerial accountability and where we hold the budget for those projects.

And in relation to those projects I cannot recall any instance where the circumstance that you have described has occurred.

With respect to the remainder of the—well, with respect to the other projects that we manage, they are not Major Projects Canberra projects. So the delegate does not sit within Major Projects Canberra. WE effectively provide procurement and contract management services on behalf of other directorates. But it is other directorates who maintain the budget and associated decisions for those projects.

So if the question is relating to how many times has a procurement, that involves Major Projects Canberra, staff made a recommendation which has been not accepted by the delegate—

Ms Lee: Yes.

Mr Edghill: —there is the Campbell School Procurement, which I am aware there was a different decisions, which was made by the delegate. I am not aware—I am not aware of other examples.

MS Lee: Okay. But if you are, can you provide that on notice? If you do come across one.

Mr Edghill: I am happy to take that on notice, yes.

Mr Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

In relation to construction projects in which Major Projects Canberra staff provide procurement and contract management services on behalf of other directorates, the Chief Projects Officer is aware of one (1) occasion where the delegate disagreed with the recommendation made by the tender evaluation panel.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA