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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Portfolio area, Transport Canberra and City Services

Hearing Date: 18/07/2023

In relation to: TCCS Contractor (Roads)

- 1) I refer to two contracts in TCCS both running from November 2022 to November 2025 - one for a Inhouse Senior Project Engineer (Contract Number 30696-NCT-904) for around \$990k and one for a In-House Project Surveillance Officer for \$540k (Contract Number 30696-NCT-905). Given both of these titles have a singular position description am I right to assume one position is paid approx \$330k per annum and one is paid approx \$190k per annum? And can you confirm that both of these are with the same company JD Pearson Pty Ltd?
- 2) Can you elaborate on who these individuals are, were these positions advertised as public service roles prior to them being contracted, if so, what level were these positions assessed as and what would the salaries have been?
- 3) How many tertiary qualified engineers are employed in this section of TCCS?
- 4) Is the TCCS employee these positions report to a tertiary qualified engineer?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) Yes, these are approximately the annual costs for each position. No, both entities are not engaged via JD Pearson Pty Ltd. The second entity is ACT Construction and Civil Services Pty Ltd, who are engaged to provide project surveillance services.
- 2) The two companies that the ACT Government have engaged are JD Pearson Pty Ltd and ACT Construction and Civil Services Pty Ltd. These positions were not advertised as public service roles, they were engaged through a public tender process.

The positions were assessed independently and externally with the process also involving Professionals Australia. The positions were assessed as most closely aligning with the Infrastructure Manager/Specialist 3 level however it also assessed a pay gap

between the market rate and the current pay scales in ACT Government. ACT Government pay scales being lower than the market rate.

- 3) There is a total of 16 tertiary qualified engineers (13 + 3 Consultants) employed in the Infrastructure Delivery Branch within TCCS.
- 4) The two positions relating to question 1 and 2 report to a Senior Director. The current occupant is not a tertiary qualified engineer.

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Signature: 

Date: 31/7/23

By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA