



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA on 15 November 2023: Catherine Rule took on notice the following question(s):

Reference: Hansard Proof Transcript, 15 November 2023, Pages 43-44

In relation to:

MS LAWDER: In answer to that question from last year's annual reports hearings, Ms Berry said:

In late 2018, Procurement ACT incorporated a survey into the Whole of Government Professional Services panel to better understand the proportion of these suppliers that have established Gender Equity Strategies. The survey indicated that a very high proportion of these suppliers have policies and strategies in place ...

What is a very high proportion?

Ms Rule: That work was done by CMTEDD, through Procurement ACT, so I do not have the details of that in front of me.

MS LAWDER: But you have used it in your answer, so you must have had an idea of what the answer was.

Ms Rule: As I said, I do not have those details in front of me. We can take that on notice or we could direct that question towards Procurement ACT.

MS LAWDER: Sorry; are you going to take it on notice?

Ms Rule: We can take it on notice

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

I confirm that in their responses to Schedule 8 of the Professional and Consulting Services Panel returnable schedule "Statement of Commitment to Gender Equity and Domestic Violence", all active suppliers (100%) indicated that they had established gender equity policies and/or strategies in place.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Steel', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

29/11/23

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA