



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

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

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Reference: Hearing on 20 November 2023, Annual Report of CMTEDD.

In relation to: Intelligent Regulator Project:

1. What outcomes was the Intelligent Regulator Project (IRP) trying to achieve?
2. What was the total expense of the IRP, including staffing costs, contracts and other costs associated with the project?
3. Are there any ongoing costs for this project? If so, please outline the ongoing costs and why they are being paid?
4. Which Minister approved the IRP as a project and how much was budgeted for this project?
5. When did work on the IRP commence?
6. Was the project completed? If so, when.
7. Contracts for the IRP expired in 2019, for phase 1 and 2 of service delivery, was the project working at the expiry of these contracts? If not, what was the issue?
8. The contracts indicate that the Territory will implement the IRP after Accenture develop the system, did the ACT Government implement the system?
9. As this project appears to have been completed in 2019 why has it only been written off in the 2022-23 annual report?
10. Why were you not aware of its existence given it was written off this year?
 - a) Did another Minister or employee make the decision to “write-off” this project? If so, what was their level?
 - b) When was this project written off?
 - c) Were you briefed about this project before or after it was written off?

Minister Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows: –

1. Please refer to the answer provided to QTON 12.
2. The total expense of the IRP was \$2,341,736.51.
3. There are no ongoing costs for the IRP.

4. The Chief Minister was the Minister responsible for Access Canberra at the time of the 2016-17 Budget proposal. As identified in the 2016-17 Budget Papers, Access Canberra received a total of \$2,942 million excluding depreciation.
5. Work for the IRP commenced in 2016 following the 2016-17 Budget decision.
6. Please refer to the answer provided to QTON 12.
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9. Please refer to the answer provided to QTON 12.
10. Please refer to my answer on 28 November 2023 during matters arising from question time.
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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Signature: 

Date: 4/12/23

By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA