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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

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In relation to: Spinifex IT contract

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MR CAIN: Yes, thank you, Chair. So, Minister, contracts worth $626,000 were awarded to Spinifex IT as part of the HRIMS program. Could you provide the deliverables of these contracts?

Mr Steel: I will take that on notice.

MR CAIN: And did you pay for the licensing of the program or was it subsequently utilised?

THE CHAIR: Is this still talking about Spinifex, Mr Cain?

MR CAIN: Yes, correct, yes.

Mr Steel: We will take that on notice, I think.

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The contract deliverables for SpinifexIT were for specialist reporting software for SAP, including Easy Reporter, Easy Clone, Easy STP, SF Connector, Payroll Control Centre extension, and related consultancy and support services.

The decision through the 2023-24 Budget process to pivot and decommission the HRIMS Program has led to the closure of HRIMS-related contracts and commercial renegotiations. The PC-HRM

Program team explored several options to deploy the software provided by SpinifexIT and concluded that terminating the contract was in the best interest of the Territory.

The contract with SpinifexIT has been terminated through a mutual deed of termination. To date, licensing has been paid for 2 years with a further 2 years to be paid under the mutual deed of termination. The mutual deed of termination effectively reduced the ACT's licence cost liability by one year.

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Signature: Date: 1/8/24

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA