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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Special Minister of State

Redirected to: N/A

Reference: Uncorrected Hansard Transcript [p 10]

In relation to: Contracts with unions

Hearing Date: 29 July 2024

QTON lodgement date: 30 July 2024

Answer Due Date: 2 August 2024

*[Four part question – as underlined]*

**MR CAIN:** Since 2016, how many ACT Government contracts above \$25,000 were awarded to unions or entities owned or controlled by unions?

**Mr Steel:** I reject the premise of the question, and we have obviously provided an answer in relation to that where we could provide as much information as we can in relation to that—any contracts with unions. I refer you to those answers, which I think were provided on notice at the time.

**MR CAIN:** Could you review those answers and provide any updates?

**Mr Steel:** In relation to the end of the financial year or—

**MR CAIN:** As current as you can make it.

**Mr Steel:** We can certainly take that on notice.

**MR CAIN:** How many ACT Government contracts above \$25,000 were awarded to unions or entities owned or controlled by unions?

**Mr Steel:** Yes.

(...)

**MR CAIN:** What is the total monetary value of contracts awarded to companies owned or controlled by ACT CFMEU since 2016?

**Mr Steel:** I think we have provided that already, but I am happy to take it on notice again.

**MR CAIN:** I am not sure you have, but okay. Can you provide this value for other CFMEU branches if applicable as well outside the ACT?

**THE CHAIR:** Yes, you should take that on notice?

**Mr Steel:** Yes.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you.

**MR CAIN:** Just final one, Chair. What is the total monetary value of contracts awarded to companies owned or controlled by the ACT CPSU since 2016?

**Mr Steel:** Take that on notice.

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

Since the previous update provided in Question on Notice 185, based on the information available in the Territory's Notifiable Contracts Register, Procurement ACT has identified one contract between the Territory (Community Services Directorate) and the CFMEU ACT. The contract was in effect from 29 June 2021 to 29 June 2022. The reported contract name is "Women in Trades - Industry Coordination Officer". The reported value of the contract is \$120,000. The contract reference number on the Notifiable Contracts Register is CS2211512.

Based on the information available in the Territory's Notifiable Contracts Register, with the exception of the above contract, there are no other notified contracts with unions or subsidiaries since the previous update provided in Question on Notice 185, noting that Procurement ACT does not have a list of all union subsidiaries in Australia.

Based on the information available in the Territory's Notifiable Contracts Register, the only contract between the Territory and the CFMEU ACT from 2016 to date is the above referenced agreement for the Women in Trades Industry Coordination Officer (CS2211512).

In response to your question on the monetary value of contracts between the CPSU (or organisations owned or controlled by the CPSU), based on the information available in the Territory's Notifiable Contracts Register, Procurement ACT could not identify any contracts entered between the Territory and the CPSU since 2016.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA

