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

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**THE CHAIR:** We will move directly to questions. I will start. Minister, can you talk me through what consultation your office and EPSDD conduct with the CFMEU Act and on what types of matters do you consult them on?

**Mr Steel:** There might be a range of matters that we consult them on, but in relation to planning I cannot—if that is what your question is about specifically, relevant to the session today, then they would be consulted with other community and stakeholders as part of any reforms that are taking place within the planning area. I am sure that—I was not here as Planning Minister when the planning system review was fully in swing, but the directorate may be able to comment about whether they were involved in the consultations there.

**Mr Green:** Ben Green, Executive Group Manager, Planning and Urban Policy, as I mentioned earlier. Yes, as the minister has outlined, there has been engagement with a variety of stakeholders, and I understand that the union were part of that engagement at varying points throughout the process.

**THE CHAIR:** For example, the Planning Bill 2023, they would have been consulted?

**Mr Steel:** I would imagine so. I do not have those specific details. Again, that was before my time, the consultation on the Planning Bill.

**THE CHAIR:** Perhaps you could take that on notice?

**Mr Steel:** We will take that on notice.

**MINISTER STEEL:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The CFMEU, like all members of our community and industry, were able to engage in the consultation process on the new planning system. I understand that there was no direct engagement with the CFMEU on the Planning Bill 2023.

I understand that whilst they had the opportunity to provide comments/submissions as part of the consultation process undertaken for the Planning System Review and Reform Project, no comments/submissions were received as identified as being made by or on behalf of the CFMEU.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Planning, Chris Steel MLA