



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: ANDREW BRADDOCK MLA

Addressed to: CHIEF MINISTER

Reference: ACT Public Service

Hearing: 13 FEB 2025

In relation to: Strategy and Transformation Office

Question received: 12 FEB 2025

Answer Due: 24 FEB 2025

The Strategy and Transformation Office was a good attempt at public service innovation, aligned with ACT Labor's policy of in sourcing jobs where possible. It produced useful recommendations across Government, and internally charged advice at around 75% of market rate. Why is it now being wound up? Surely at a time where public service innovation is sorely needed - this is no time to be closing down an inhouse ideas factory. As the new Minister for Public Service, what other ideas has Minister Stephen-Smith shared with you as Chief Minister to support improvements in public service performance?

ANDREW BARR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Significant Machinery of Government changes are underway across the ACT Public Service to ensure innovative and more efficient structures are in place to implement Government priorities and the delivery of services to the community.

As part of these changes, consultation is currently underway in relation to changes to the composition and operational requirement of the Strategy and Transformation Office within CMTEDD. This is being conducted in accordance with the [ACT Public Sector Administrative and Related Classifications Enterprise Agreement 2023-2026](#).

Minister Stephen-Smith is focussed on ensuring the ACT Public Service is positioned to deliver government priorities in a financially responsible way. "Inhouse" ideas will continue to be generated across the ACTPS.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature: 

Date: **25.2.25**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA