



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MS FIONA CARRICK MLA

Addressed to: Mr Russ Campbell, Acting Under Treasurer, Treasury, CMTEDD

In relation to: TRACKING EXPENDITURE IN PROGRAMS

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Ms Carrick: And how do you track your expenditure because I read somewhere that there was going to be a review of programs. So do you track expenditure by programs or, you know, your indicators or your outputs, or how do you track your expenditure?

Mr Campbell: So it probably helps if I separate Treasury from the directorates themselves. So in CMTEDD, for example—so Treasury is part of the Chief Minister's Department and Economic Development Department—we have a central finance area, which will actually track particular sub items to some degree of detail by program and output lines. I can get further detail on that for you to understand the finer detail.

For Treasury, we will generally look at higher-level aggregates just to see how they are tracking as information is coming in from each of the directorates. But yes, certainly, it depends on the directorate a little bit how much detail they go into because some will have quite explicit program lines. Others may largely be labour and policy advice, so most of the lines there will be around employee expenses and, you know, to the extent that they are drawing on contractors or consultants, they will have line items for those

But yes, where you effectively have, the way I think about it, administrative funds rather than departmental or directorate funds, there will be more explicit direct lines attributed to those programs. But they will still be quite aggregate.

Ms Carrick: Well, I have had a fair go, so come back to me later.

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

I refer the Member to the response provided to QTON No. 21.

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Signature: 
By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA

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