



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MS FIONA CARRICK MLA

Addressed to: MR ANDREW BARR MLA, CHIEF MINISTER

In relation to: COMMISSIONER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

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Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ms Carrick: I would like to ask about the Commissioner for International Engagement. Could we please have a breakdown of the 176 businesses assisted? That would be taken on notice, no doubt.

Mr Barr: I would need to take that on notice.

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

A breakdown cannot be provided due to commercial sensitivities and the required timeframe for a response, as the Office of International Engagement would be required to contact all businesses for permission to release their information.

I can advise however that the sectors the businesses are engaged in include renewable energy, cyber, food and beverage, defence and space.

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

Signature:

Date: **20.2.25**

By the Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA