



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
26 October 2021

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA on 26 October 2021: Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Conflicts of Interest

MS LEE: A contract was executed in June 2021 with PwC to provide “commercial adviser services, light rail city to Woden”. Was a role played by former transport minister and minister in your government, Meegan Fitzharris, and if so, what?

Mr Barr: No. I do not believe she works there now.

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MS LEE: The question I just asked, though, was about any other conflict. Do you know if any other conflicts were raised?

Mr Barr: With PwC?

MS LEE: On that specific contract, yes.

Mr Barr: We will take that on notice. I do not believe so, no.

Mr Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

One potential conflict of interest was declared by PwC during the procurement process for the PwC contract executed by Major Projects Canberra in June 2021, being [REDACTED] who is a partner of PwC and also the part-time Chair of the National Capital Authority Board. Appropriate management processes were in place by PwC for the procurement and are in place to address this matter going forward.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Signature: 

Date: 4.11.21

By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA

