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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA on 22 August 2022: Kate Lundy took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS LEE: I note that the former chair of the CIT board was, and presumably still is, a partner at KPMG. I also note that during his tenure as chair there were a number of contracts between CIT and KPMG for consulting work. Can you provide any clarification, Minister or the current chair of the CIT board, about those contracts?

Mr Steel: That is a matter for CIT. I will ask Kate Lundy to answer, to the extent that she can, on that one.

Ms Lundy: Thank you for the question. I will take that question on notice to ensure that I give accurate information back to the committee. My understanding is that any perceived or real conflict of interest was managed by the former chair, but I will take it on notice to get you a formal answer.

MS LEE: Just as a follow-up then: in relation to the management of any real or perceived conflict, can you please outline for the committee what the process and policy is?

Ms Lundy: Yes, I can. The process is that all members of the board declare their interests and that if a perceived or real interest comes up on the board then those board members will recuse themselves from the business relating to that matter.

MS LEE: While you are providing the answer to that first question taken on notice, can I ask you to also take on notice to provide to the committee the board minutes where those contracts were discussed and board members recused themselves from those decisions?

Ms Lundy: I will take that question on notice.

MS LEE: Thank you.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

CIT, an independent body with a government board, advises that these contracts were approved by the Executive and not the Board. There were discussions in Board meetings about the projects but not about the procurement process or decision-making on these contracts. The Board Chair

disclosed his interest out of session in September 2018 to all Board members. This disclosure is referred to in the meeting minutes of 17 October 2018.

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By the Minister for Skills, Chris Steel MLA