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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 Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA on 29 August 2022: Mr Duncan Edghill took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Ms Lee: Okay, then maybe if I can put it in this way then, if I could put it in this way then, have you had instances of MPC staff disclosing to you reporting of corruption or fraudulent conduct?

Mr Edghill: I have had—I am aware of one instance which is, I think, the subject of—and a relatively small instance, not undertaken by a public servant but undertaken within one of the projects of which I am aware. But other than that, I have not had somebody come and personally say to me, I am disclosing to you I have witnessed an instance of fraud or corruption and indeed, if that had ever happened, I would be cognisant of it.

And I would report it but I have no recollection, other than that one instance that I have just referred to then of that having occurred.

Ms Lee: And what—yes, thank you, Chair. And what process and action did you take with that one instance of reporting?

Mr Edghill: So I am happy to take the final details on notice, I understand that the police are looking at it, at the moment. Could I take that on notice? Because I am not sure how much I say, you know, disclose who the party is. But I am happy to take that on notice and receive advice.

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

Major Projects Canberra has received one report of alleged fraudulent behaviour carried out by a third-party contractor. The disclosure was made to an MPC staff member. Following consultation with the Government Solicitors Office, Major Projects Canberra referred the matter to ACT Policing. As Major Projects Canberra understands the matter is presently with ACT Policing, it would not be appropriate to comment further at this stage.

Major Projects Canberra also notified the Integrity Commission of the incident.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA