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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Peter Cain MLA on Tuesday, 30 August 2022: Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: So specifically for these FOI FTEs, who are temporarily funded, are you planning to make them permanently funded positions?

Mr Steel: I am happy to take that question on notice. Obviously, it is a matter for across a range of agencies that we will have to—

MR CAIN: Thank you.

Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The ACT Government funded 12 FTE positions in the 2021-22 budget for a period of two years to support processing applications received under the *Freedom of Information ACT 2016* (FOI Act) across six directorates. The Community Services Directorate has internally funded a further five FOI positions until June 2023.

Ongoing resourcing requirements for processing requests under the FOI Act will continue to be monitored and considered as part of future budget processes.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA