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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Cain on 31 July 2023: Mr Steel MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Procurement Panel

MR CAIN: So I note the panel expired on 30 June this year. Has a new panel been formed?

Mr Steel: I will take that question on notice.

MR CAIN: Was there a provision in the contract to extend it for even further or do we really have to start afresh?

Mr Steel: Again, we will take that on notice.

MR CAIN: Can you provide a copy of the panel contract and also of the due diligence report recommending the decision. I think you have already agreed to take those on notice.

Mr Steel: Yes, thank you.

MR CAIN: Thank you. Why was this option not taken in 2018 and what proportion of panels across CMTED are now open panels?

Mr Steel: Can we take that question on notice unless you have got any further information.

MR CAIN: I am coming to a close, Chair. Did you conduct an assessment for potential new providers in the space who might deliver higher quality or better range of services.

Mr Steel: We will take that on notice.

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

A new whole of government panel for training providers (panel) has not been formed.

The initial term of the panel was to 30 June 2021. There was provision for one extension of two years, which was utilised. On this basis, there was no provision to extend the relevant panel deeds beyond the expiry date of 30 June 2023. Setting up a new arrangement will require a new approach to the market.

Copies of the panel deeds with various suppliers are on the Notifiable Contracts Register at <https://www.tenders.act.gov.au/contract/view?id=162230>

The due diligence and related material contain commercially sensitive information, which if disclosed, might prejudice future options in relation to this procurement.

The panel commenced in July 2018. There were no relevant options to extend at that point in time.

In relation panel arrangements across CMTEDD, I refer the Member to the response to Question on Notice 1115.

There were no extension options or additional provisions to allow other suppliers to join the panel.

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By Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA