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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall

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MISS NUTTALL: Yes. So may I assume you are familiar with the Australian Senate's Finance and Public Administration References Committee's inquiry to management and assurance of integrity by consulting services?

Mr Steel: Broadly, yes.

MISS NUTTALL: So I understand the majority recommendation, too, in the report is that the Commonwealth Department of Finance update their contract management to require that the Australian Government contracts include a clause that states service providers have a duty to act in the public interest when delivering work for the Australian Government. Do we have a similar provision for inclusion in ACT Government contracts?

Ms Mirzabegian: I could not say that we have an identical provision in relation to that. We have provisions in relation to making sure that the goods/services provided are fit for purpose, meet all the relevant standards, are in accordance with the laws, but we do not have that very specific provision as a standard if I recall correctly. I would have to check that.

MISS NUTTALL: Yes.

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

I can confirm that ACT Government contracts do not have an identical provision.

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA