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QTON No. 30

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
8 November 2019

Asked by ALISTAIR COE MLA:

In relation to: Oracle invoice register

Why does the Oracle invoice register not have a field recording the contract the invoice was paid for?

SUZANNE ORR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Oracle Financial System (OFS) is not an invoice register. The OFS is the ACT Government's central finance source of truth. The published notifiable invoices are a data set of actual payments captured in the system, which contain inputs from multiple sources. Due to the financial information contained in the OFS, user access and manual entry of data within the system is highly restricted.

The ACT receives and processes well over 300,000 invoices each year, manually entering a contract number for each invoice in the various systems that feed into the OFS would either add a large administrative impost on government or significant red tape burden on businesses if they were required to record the contract number on each submitted invoice.

The Government is currently piloting a solution within the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate that looks to addresses these issues by utilising an add on Oracle purchase order, contract management module.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Suzanne Orr', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

28/11/19

By the Minister for Government Services and Procurement, Suzanne Orr MLA