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QON No. 47

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

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In relation to: Capital Linen Cleaning

1. Capital Linen Service contracts an external provider for “Cleaning Services” to a cost of \$720,000. Why is this not performed in house by public service employees?

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

1. Capital Linen Service specialises in the provision of linen and laundry services to hotels, hospitals, health centres and aged care facilities in the Canberra region. Operating in a clean and hygienic health facility (such as a laundry) is critical when providing linen and laundry services to the ACT’s public and private health sectors. Maintaining appropriate hygiene standards necessitates an experienced and well-trained cleaning service provider.

The benefits of such an organisation was evidenced during the onset of the health pandemic with the incumbent cleaning contractors assisting with expert advice on COVID-19 cleans and providing valuable input into Capital Linen Services COVID-19 safe plan, contributing to the betterment of safety outcomes for both Capital Linen Service staff and their customer base.

The Parliamentary and Governing Agreement for the 10th Legislative Assembly outlines that the Government will legislate to prevent the outsourcing or privatisation of public sector jobs, and I will be asking Transport Canberra and City Service to investigate insourcing opportunities.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport, and City Services

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA