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**Government Response to Auditor-General's Report No 7 of 2021 - Procurement
Exemptions and Value for Money**

**Presented by
Mr Chris Steel MLA
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The ACT Government thanks the Auditor-General for Report No 7 of 2021 - Procurement Exemptions and Value for Money. The report considers the effectiveness of a selection of Directorates' and agencies' application of value for money principles when using exemptions from the tender and quotation thresholds set out in the *Government Procurement Regulation 2007*.

Section 22A of the *Government Procurement Act 2001* requires the pursuit of value for money in undertaking any procurement activity. It is critically important to ensure that this principle is well understood and applied consistently and transparently across government. As such, the ACT Government supports all recommendations arising from the report.

Procurement ACT, within the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, is responsible for whole of government procurement policy and capability. It has been tasked with directly implementing initiatives under the recommendations, as well as supporting directorates to address recommendations that they have responsibility for implementing. Action to implement the recommendations include:

- Developing training programs, covering concepts of risks assessment in procurement, exemptions from quotation and tender thresholds, value for money considerations including whole of life costs, record keeping and integrity.
- Developing or updating guidance material and templates on the above.
- Promotion of existing and newly developed resources across government.

Procurement ACT is on track to deliver against all recommendations by the end of the Financial Year (2021-2022). Procurement ACT will also support Directorates and Agencies in implementing these Recommendations, where appropriate, by proposing consistent arrangements across the ACT Public Service.