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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Skills and Training

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In relation to: Consultation date Ms Cover reappointment

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Answer Due Date: 1 August 2024

MS LEE: No worries. And in terms of again on that contract, the consultation with the minister—we have already talked about you consulting with the minister in relation to the proposal to end the appointment, but what was the consultation that took place in June 21 when Ms Cover's contract was extended? That might be a question for Mr Steel.

Mr Steel: Yes, it probably is a question that either could answer but I am probably better placed so just given the acting—and my response at the moment—

MS LEE: Only because Ms Howson mentioned she was not on the board.

Mr Steel: Yes. So yes, I was consulted in 2020 in relation to Ms Cover's reappointment.

MS LEE: In 2020?

Mr Steel: Yes. No, no, in 2020.

MS LEE: Yes, in 2020. Which month?

Mr Steel: I believe it was November but I would have to check.

MS LEE: Are you happy to take that on notice?


Mr Steel: I am happy to take that on notice and check but I believe I was—and the appointment of course is on the Legislative register and was made—the appointment instrument was made on 5 February 2021 and I note that was prior to matters being raised.

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Mr Craig Sloan, the previous CIT Board Chair approached Kathy Leigh, the Head of Service for comments in relation to the CIT Boards consideration of Leanne Cover's re-appointment in November 2020. At the same time, the Head of Service agreed to approach Minister Steel for his views. The Head of Service advised the Board Chair on 26 November 2020 of her comments and of the Minister's support so that he could inform the CIT Board.

The CIT Board consulted directly with Minister Steel in relation to Ms Cover's re-appointment the week of 1 February 2021.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

Date: 4/8/24

By the Minister for Skills and Training, Chris Steel MLA