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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Minister's selection of Independent Assessor for the Territory Plan Restructure
2. None
3. Chief Planning Executive.
4. Yes
5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Known expertise and existing knowledge of new planning system processes and procedures and urgent need to translate this into a comprehensive training package.
2. Previously demonstrated quality of provider's services and known rates of other potential providers (Roundpeg below market levels).
3. SOA
4. Yes
5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Although a single select tender, a competitive process was followed. Four separate potential providers were contacted and invited to offer a proposal against a Request for Tender.
2. Four potential providers were invited to offer a proposal. Only Roundpeg provided a firm proposal.
3. Chief Planning Executive
4. Yes
5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Readify was initially engaged as a sub contractor under the whole of Government Microsoft contract with InTACT to develop the new electronic development Assessment platform. In addition, very tight deadlines had to be met to implement ACTPLA's new Planning System.

Readify had significant project knowledge of the code behind the new electronic development system and a detailed appreciation of business requirements. Readify's contract rates were also significantly lower than those charged as a sub contractor to Microsoft. Since then a formal tender process for the second and main phase of the project was undertaken through Procurement Solutions.

2. Readify's contract rates were significantly less than that being charged through Microsoft direct.
3. Chief Planning Executive.

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4. Yes

5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Known expertise of company and existing knowledge of documentation to be reviewed. Timeframe to meet Government commitment was critical.
2. None
3. Chief Planning Executive.
4. Yes
5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. This consultant was the only one with the technical skills and experience in developing software to enable documents to be scanned into ACTPLA's Integrated Document Management System (Objective).
2. None. The skills and knowledge required for this work are unique to this company.
3. Chief Planning Executive.
4. Yes.
5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. The party possessed unique skills and knowledge relating to the task resulting from previous work on the Database.
2. None. The skill and knowledge was unique.
3. Chief Planning Executive.
4. Yes
5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Index Consulting previously provided project management and business analysis services to ACTPLA on its electronic development platform. Significant time would have been lost with a new project manager becoming familiar with the project and thereby risking important project deadlines.
2. A familiarisation of rates being charged for project management services determined that Index Consulting was in fact less than the market rate.
3. Chief Planning Executive
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5. Not applicable.

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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. The consultant had extensive experience in the preparation of deeds and their subsequent management within the ACT Government. It was essential to engage a skilled person to help achieve the Government's critical land release targets.
2. None. The skill and knowledge was unique.
3. Chief Planning Executive.
4. Yes
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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Although this was a single select tender, ACTPLA approached nine separate potential providers and invited them to submit a proposal against a Request for Tender.
2. Nine potential providers were invited to submit a proposal. Two were received.
Only one was assessed as having the capacity to undertake the task in the required time frame.
3. Chief Planning Executive.
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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Index Consulting previously provided project management and business analysis services to ACTPLA on its electronic development platform. Significant time would have been lost with a new project manager becoming familiar with the project and thereby risking important project deadlines.
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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. The consultant had extensive experience in the preparation of deeds and their subsequent management within the ACT Government. It was essential to engage a skilled person to help achieve the Government's critical land release targets.
2. None. The skill and knowledge was unique.
3. Chief Planning Executive.
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MR BARR: The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. The contractor possessed particular and relevant skills and knowledge relating to the immediate requirements of the Authority.
2. An assessment of the company's rates and charges found it to be comparable, and given the company's services were used on an as-required basis it was decided to proceed with the single select tender process.
3. Chief Planning Executive
4. Yes
5. Not applicable

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