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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
25 February 2021

Asked by Mr Cain on 25 February 2021: The Special Minister for State passed the following questions on to the Electoral Commissioner, Damian Cantwell:

1. Page 38 of Budget Statements A identifies the increased cost of the enhancement and modernisation of the Electoral Commission's information systems of \$275,000.
 - a. What enhancement and/or modernisation measures were delivered with the funds?
 - b. Is the enhancement now complete?
 - c. If not, when will it be complete?
 - d. If not, what will the additional cost be to complete these upgrades?

Mr Cantwell's answers:

1. Page 38 of Budget Statements A identifies the increased cost of the enhancement and modernisation of the Electoral Commission's information systems of \$275,000.
 - a. What enhancement and/or modernisation measures were delivered with the funds? – The \$275,000 referenced on page 38 of Budget Statements A mainly relates to accrued funds associated with two ICT modernisation projects (\$212,108). The Electoral Commission's Election Management System (EMS) named TIGER is being modernised from a suite of Microsoft Access databases to a web-based system (\$195,500). The funds were also related to the modernisation upgrade of the electronic voting and counting system (eVACS) which underwent security and functionality improvements prior to the 2020 ACT election (\$16,608). The remaining accrued funds (\$62,892) were not in relation to ICT upgrade projects.
 - b. Is the enhancement now complete? The eVACS project is complete. The TIGER project remains ongoing.
 - c. If not, when will it be complete? The TIGER project is scheduled for completion by July 2021.
 - d. If not, what will the additional cost be to complete these upgrades? No additional funds are being sought for the completion of the TIGER project.



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By the Electoral Commissioner, Damian Cantwell AM CSC