



Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MARK PARTON MLA:

Ref: Budget Statement B concerning the Gambling and Racing Commission.

In relation to: Financial counselling service

1. In relation to the financial counselling service provided by the Gambling and Racing Commission:
 - a. When was the contract for this service last tendered by the Gambling and Racing Commission;
 - b. How many respondents to that tender process were there;
 - c. Was the tender awarded to the lowest cost respondent;
 - d. Did the successful tenderer declare any conflicts relating to the decision making process;
 - e. Did any other respondents have declared conflicts relating to the decision making process; and
 - f. Was the gambling and Racing Commission Advisory Committee consulted in regard to the procurement of this service?
2. How many entities or organisations provide services to the Gambling and Racing Commission on:
 - a. A regular basis; and
 - b. An occasional basis?
3. How many of the entities and organisations in 2. above provide their services on the basis of:
 - a. A contract arising from a competitive tender process;
 - b. A consultancy contract from a pre-qualified panel arrangement;
 - c. Drawing on a contract with another government Directorate; and
 - d. Some other informal arrangement?

MINISTER CHEYNE: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The answers to the questions are provided as follows:
 - a. The Request for Tender for this service was last advertised on 8 November 2019.
 - b. Two.

- c. Tenders were evaluated in accordance with the *Government Procurement Act 2001* which includes value for money of the provision of the service. The Tender has been awarded to the best value for money respondent.
 - d. The successful tenderer was not a part of any decision-making process in the awarding of the contract for the ACT Gambling Harm Support Service. This contract was conducted as an open tender in accordance with the *Government Procurement Act 2001* which included a Tender Evaluation Panel (no conflict of interest has been declared from panel members). A Goods and Services Procurement officer facilitated the tender evaluation process. The Delegate of this process was the CEO of the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission. The Commission Board was not involved in the tender evaluation process.
 - e. Other respondents were not a part of any decision-making process in the awarding of the contract for the ACT Gambling Harm Support Service.
 - f. The Gambling and Racing Commission Advisory Committee were informed on the process and timelines of the procurement of this service in the course of their quarterly meetings in 2019.
- 2.
- a. There are six entities or organisations that have provided services to the Gambling and Racing Commission on a regular basis since 1 July 2018.
 - b. There are 15 entities or organisations that have provided services to the Gambling and Racing Commission on an occasional basis since 1 July 2018.
- 3.
- a. There are two entities or organisations that have provided their services on the basis of a contract arising from a competitive tender process since 1 July 2018.
 - b. There are five entities or organisations that have provided their services on the basis of a consultancy contract from a pre-qualified panel arrangement since 1 July 2018.
 - c. There is one entity or organisation that has provided their services on the basis of drawing on a contract with another government Directorate since 1 July 2018.
 - d. There were no entities or organisations that have provided their services on the basis of some other informal arrangement since 1 July 2018.

Other entities were engaged through a Memorandum of Understanding (cross-jurisdictional agreement), existing arrangements within ACT Government such as for Shared Services ICT, or procurement under \$25,000 resulting in a work order.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy Gender and Economic Equality

Signature:



Date:

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By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Tara Cheyne MLA