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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA (Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Auditor-General's Performance Audit Reports January 2022 – June 2022
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
8 December 2022

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 8 December 2022: Damian West took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: And do you have a—it is great that you are keeping a tab on the timeliness, what about the cost of it?

Mr West: Well, the cost we could—the cost in terms of the funding of the team who do that, so that team is funded through appropriation to do this work. It is done centrally.

THE CHAIR: Is that in the annual reports?

Mr West: Yes, I believe so.

THE CHAIR: It is, yes, okay. So what title would that be in under—in annual reports, like fraud prevention funding or—

Mr West: No, I think it would be under the public sector standards commissioner funding, but we could check that and provide that to you.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU), within the Chief Minister, Treasury, and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) provides support to the statutory office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner (PSSC) by undertaking investigations of a broad range of misconduct allegations and management of complaints within the ACT Public Sector. In addition to providing support to the PSSC, the PSU also undertakes work on behalf of the Head of Service on whole of government policies, education and training.

The PSU is funded within Workforce Capability and Governance (WCAG), of which the total operating costs of WCAG in 2021-22 amounted to \$20.167 million (CMTEDD 2021 22 Annual Report Volume 2.1, page 131).

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA