



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 22 November 2023: Mr Ben Green took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Audit and Risk Committee

MR CAIN: Just one or two more, Chair. I note that the outgoing directorate member on the committee is Executive Officer to the Director-General. You have just referenced that. Minister, do you think this is an appropriate appointment and what measures were taken to ensure their performance of the committee charter was not placed at risk due to their close organisational connection to the Director-General.

Mr Gentleman: Thank you, Mr Cain. Yes, I do think it was an appropriate appointment. We go through, of course, appointments and look at the respectful skills and attributes of each of those appointees, so in short, I concur that it was the correct appointment.

MR CAIN: Even though she is the Executive Officer to the Director-General and the committee is investigating and checking on risks in the management of the directorate.

Mr Gentleman: Yes, focuses on high level risk and areas where the most value can be added aligning with the requirements of the management and the ARC, which is the risk committee, and this approach considers information gathered from internal audits conducted by the ACT Auditor-General as well, and the directorate's strategic operational performance risk as well as input from senior executives. So they are involved in those audits.

Mr Ponton: If I can just add. Of course, as my executive officer, Ms Marcantonio has a really line of sight in relation to the potential risks across the entire organisation but I should again reinforce what Mr Green was saying earlier that the decision was taken when Ms Marcantonio's period concluded where she went out to seek additional people external just to make sure we were getting that external perspective.

But in terms of Ms Marcantonio's appointment, that was because (a) she had an interest. Her previous roles involved risk management and so she had a skill set in that area; and (b) the line of sight throughout the organisation—

Mr Green: Yes, I think I will also add, and I will check the detail for this, but my understanding is that Ms Marcantonio started her role in the audit risk prior to being the Executive Officer in the Director-General office, so we will take that on notice to provide clarity around those timeframes.

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Ms Marcantonio was an Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) member from 1 July 2019 to 31 July 2022.

During her time as an ARC member, among other roles in the Directorate, Ms Marcantonio was appointed for three different terms as the Executive Officer to the Director-General that occurred at the same time as her ARC appointment. The three appointments are as follows:

- 17 June 2019 – 16 August 2019
- 14 November 2019 – 30 June 2020
- 21 July 2022 to date

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA