



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

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

Asked by **Andrew Braddock MLA**:

In relation to: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate and Reporting against audit recommendations

The CMTEDD annual report on progress against Auditor General Report no 2 of 22 Fraud prevention Recommendation 1 - Fraud and Corruption Prevention Plans and Reporting has a status of completed.

Given this is broadly similar to the previous policy which also required an operational response to identified fraud and corruption risks (refer to page 6 of the Policy).

“that the Audit identified the three agencies did not in fact do this, instead finding that the three agencies’ Plans predominantly contain information about legislation and policies, processes and procedures and roles and responsibilities. The agencies’ plans did not specifically identify fraud and corruption risks, nor did they identify time-bound action items that would address specific risks. The Plans were not accompanied by an implementation or action strategy or specific statements that would drive prevention activities such as times, dates and targets for deliverables’.”

How do you hope to achieve a different result with a similar policy.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows: –

Directorates and agencies may face different fraud and corruption risks based on the nature of their work area and workforce. The revised policy retains sufficient flexibility for individual agencies to identify fraud and prevention risks specific to each.

To support the revised policy, the ACTPS worked collaboratively with the ACT Integrity Commission to create a best practice fraud and corruption control plan that has been distributed to agencies to use as the template.

Additionally, the Professional Standards Unit, each directorate/agency Senior Executive Responsible for Business Integrity Risk (SERBIR) and relevant other corporate and governance roles across the ACTPS routinely meet with the ACT Integrity Commission in a community of practice where fraud and corruption control measures are shared and discussed.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA