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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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**Inquiry into Auditor-General performance Audit Reports July – December 2023**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Peter Cain MLA:

In relation to: AG Audit Report 10/2023 and Human Resources Information Management System Program

- (1) Did Procurement ACT try to obtain a digital procurement commercial function and if so, please outline the details of this.
- (2) What were the barriers you faced in attempting to create this function.
- (3) Does Procurement ACT possess incapacibilities given this function is not being met.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- (1) Procurement ACT is working on the development of enhanced data and systems as a component of the Procurement Reform Program. For more information, please see [Procurement Reform Program - Procurement ACT](#).
- (2) As noted in the response to Question (1), the above work is currently being explored as part of a broader procurement process alongside other functions of Government including finance and health inventory systems. A request for Expressions Of Interest (REOI) process was issued on 1 December 2023 and closed on 25 January 2024. Evaluation of responses is continuing and will inform further work in this area.
- (3) Enhanced data and systems through a digital uplift will further strengthen the ACT Government's procurement processes over time, and will build on recent new initiatives as part of the Government's Procurement Reform Program, including the rolling out of a unique identifier that enhances data capture and analytical capabilities across the life of a procurement.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA