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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

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In relation to: HRIMS – Procurement advice for legal advisors

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MR CAIN: Could you explain the process that led to that engagement? Did that go through a full open tender and procurement process?

Ms Konti: The way that legal counsel is procured within ACT government, they all go through our General-Solicitor's office, so whatever process they used. I think they have a panel. We can take that on notice.

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

Maddocks was engaged through the Territory Legal Services Panel Deed to provide legal advice as part of the HRIMS Program. This process is informed by the Law Officers Legal Services Directions 2023, which specifies that a Territory agency may, with the approval of the Chief Solicitor, engage a legal services provider other than the Government Solicitor to undertake Territory legal work (paragraph 1.2) and outlines the considerations that are required in the engagement of external counsel.

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA