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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

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

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

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In relation to: NTT overpayment

Hearing Date: 25 July 2024

QTON lodgement date: 26 July 2024

Answer Due Date: 31 July 2024

**MS CASTLEY:** Yes. Can anyone just explain—I know you will look at tabling the report, which will be great, but were they overpaid and by how much?

**Ms Lopa:** I would have to take that on notice. I do not have it in front of me. My recollection from it was that we could improve practices and, as I said, and we did. I am not sure if it went to whether we overpaid or not. I would have to take that on notice and have a look. I cannot recall.

**MINISTER RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Health Directorate Internal Audit - NTT Australia Invoices Review related to 118 separate NTT invoices received in June 2023. I am advised that these invoices amounted to \$7.9 million, of which \$3.6 million was paid during June 2023 and the remaining \$4.3 million was accrued.

The audit found that, overall, *“ACT Health Directorate is unable to provide assurance that the services for which they were invoiced (or for which accruals were made) relating to NTT invoicing for the period of 1 June 2023 to 30 June 2023 were appropriate for payment as the invoices from NTT were not adequately structured to permit acquittal of the invoices in sufficient detail.”*

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith