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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025
Ms Nicole Lawder MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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In relation to: Payroll tax rebate - eligibility

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MS LEE: I meant revenue office. Can you outline what the process is, because my understanding is that there is going to be a bit of discussion, and the revenue office will actually make a decision about whether companies will be eligible for the rebate or not?

Mr Barr: No, I will provide that in writing, rather than giving a verbal explanation. I suspect that the content of the answer will be relevant—of interest to beyond the Estimates Committee, so I will provide that in writing.

MS LEE: When? As in doing it for the Committee, as in taking on notice essentially?

Mr Barr: Yes, do that for the Committee. Yes.

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

The ACT Government has received four representations on the timing of the payroll tax surcharge introduction from industry associations and three representations from labour hire businesses.

To address industry concern regarding the impact of the 2024-25 Budget announcement to commence the introduction of the payroll tax surcharge from 1 July 2024, the ACT Government will facilitate a by-application three-month rebate of the amount of the payroll tax surcharge for eligible labour hire companies.

Eligible labour hire businesses will be those who are not able to recoup the surcharge for a significant proportion of existing contracts through renegotiation.

The ACT Revenue Office is currently working with the Recruitment, Contracting and Staffing Association to establish the parameters in which eligible labour hire businesses can apply for the rebate on the payroll tax surcharge. Requirements of businesses wishing to apply is yet to be determined and will be undertaken in consultation with industry. The number of businesses expected to apply is also yet to be determined.

The ACT Revenue Office will write to labour hire businesses liable for the surcharge inviting them to apply for consideration of the rebate on the payroll tax surcharge. The ACT Revenue Office will assess each applicant and determine the surcharge paid for the months of July, August and September 2024. It is expected this process will be concluded by the end of October 2024.

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

Signature: Andrew Barr | Date: 8.8.24

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA