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

Asked by MR SMYTH on 30 June 2014 : Treasurer took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Payroll Tax Harmonisation Revenue Initiative

**THE CHAIR:** Just to finish up, minister, I want to go back to payroll tax. Were you told or briefed by your officials or the commissioner, before taking this to cabinet, that most contracts for 2014-15 would have been signed by the time this became law?

**Mr Barr:** I would need to go and check the brief. I was certainly advised that there would be transitional issues and that we would need to give consideration to the commencement date. My view was that most tax measures commence on the first day of the financial year, as I indicated in my earlier evidence to the committee, and that that was a reasonable starting point. However, as I have indicated in response to concerns that have been raised, the government has been prepared to change the starting date for this particular measure.

Treasurer: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Officials did not provide advice on the status of private sector contracts prior to this matter going to Cabinet. Information on the status of such contracts is not kept or gathered by the government.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 15. 7. 14

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA