



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
22 February 2022

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA on 22 February 2022: Duncan Edghill took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: MPC Procurement Practices

MS LEE: I do, thank you. Mr Edghill, you referred in your answer to Mr Cain's previous question about whether the directorate overrides the tendering process and you said that you would not categorise it as a practice. Do you have actual figures of instances where that has occurred and are you able to provide that information to the committee?

Mr Edghill: I do not have figures to hand. I am happy to take it on notice.

MS LEE: That is fine, yes.

Mr Edghill: I would note that in terms of Major Projects Canberra's role, we do assist with infrastructure capital works procurement processes. We do not do all infrastructure procurement within the ACT. So you have got the likes of the SLA and so forth. We do not do all capital works procurement. So when it comes to IT systems or equipment, we are not involved in those procurement processes, and of course we are not involved procurement processes for goods and services and anything else that the ACT government does.

MS LEE: Sure. So in terms of MPC, are you able to—

Mr Edghill: So I think any answer that we provide would be quite narrow.

THE CHAIR: Sorry, who was speaking?

Mr Edghill: Sorry, I was just finishing my answer. I think any response that we provide on notice would be through a very kind of narrow procurement lens of what we are involved in.

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

Regarding tender processes where a Major Projects Canberra (MPC) official is the decision-making delegate, MPC officials advise that they are not immediately aware of any procurement process where an MPC official was the decision-making delegate and where that delegate has exercised their discretion to award a tender to a party other than the party that was recommended by the tender evaluation panel in its final recommendation for that procurement. Noting that MPC has not undertaken an audit of all procurement processes where an MPC official was the decision-making delegate (as additional time and resources would be required to undertake such an audit).

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA