



## Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Peter Cain MLA on 15 November 2023: Bettina Konti took on notice the following question(s):

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**MR CAIN:** What is the cost of the decommissioning at the current date?

**Ms Konti:** I would have to take that on notice.

**MR CAIN:** Okay. Could I get a figure for the total cost of the whole project and every expenditure, please, just in case there are some other things that come to light?

**Ms Konti:** Yes. I will take that on notice, noting that there was \$17.1 million provided in this budget for the delivery of the components that I just outlined.

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

As at 30 June 2023 the total expenditure\* on the HRIMS project was \$77.632 million as reported in QON 1331. A further \$0.236 million has been charged to the HRIMS project to 24 November 2023 bringing the total to \$77.868 million. This cost relates to project closure activities which would include decommissioning activities, although these are not recorded separately.

\*Total expenditure includes total operating expenditure plus capital expenditure less amortisation.

Expenditure on the project being delivered under the 2023-24 Budget initiative *Investing in payroll capability and human resource management* of \$0.389 million has occurred to 24 November 2023 in the 2023-24 financial year.

The financial reporting system established for HRIMS does not provide a breakdown of cost by individual phases including decommissioning costs. Costs have been classified under staffing, supplier etc. The total cost of the HRIMS system including all future cost of closing the project will continue to be tracked and reported.

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Signature:

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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