



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Inquiry into Auditor-General Performance Reports July – December 2023
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
30 May 2024

Asked by Mr Cain MLA on 30 May 2024: Mr Steel took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: And minister—just finally, Chair. Minister, how frequently were you briefed on the progress of HRIMS?

Mr Steel: I was briefed periodically—

MR CAIN: What period?

Mr Steel: Well obviously I was not minister during the first period of the program. But certainly on becoming minister I was briefed on the program shortly after became—

MR CAIN: How frequently, minister?

Mr Steel: —shortly after it became clear that the program was not going to meet its first deliverables, and that then resulted in a series of reviews, a pause to the program, looking to reset before we—

MR CAIN: Minister, how frequently were you briefed? We know you would have been briefed. You have said that—

Mr Steel: Sure.

MR CAIN: How frequently were those briefings?

Mr Steel: I do not have the exact dates on me. But periodically on the project—

MR CAIN: So will you take on notice to provide how frequently you were briefed, when that occurred during progress?

Mr Steel: I can take that on notice, Mr Cain. Yes

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

From the commencement of the 10th Assembly in November 2020 to the decision to close the Human Resource Information Management System (HRIMS) Program in June 2023, the Chief Digital Officer and the Special Minister of State had 17 meetings where HRIMS was discussed. In addition, there were 5 formal briefings and 14 Question Time Briefs from the Chief Digital Officer to the Special Minister of State regarding HRIMS.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature: 
Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State

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