



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Auditor-General performance Audit Reports July – December 2023
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Peter Cain MLA:

In relation to: AG Audit Report 10/2023 and Human Resources Information Management System Program

- (1) Contracts worth \$626k were awarded to Spinifex IT as part of HRIMS. Could you provide the deliverables of these contract.
- (2) What was the duration of the contract with Spinifex IT.
- (3) What was the amount of the annual payments made to Spinifex IT.
- (4) Did you pay for the licensing of the program and was it subsequently utilised.

(If yes)

- (1) What was the nature of how it was utilised and for how long.
- (2) What tangible benefit did it provide.

(If no)

- (1) Did you make any attempts to cancel the contract with Spinifex early.

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

1. The contract deliverables for SpinifexIT included Easy Reporter, Easy Clone, Easy STP, SF Connector, Payroll Control Centre extension for the Territory. SpinifexIT was also required to provide consultancy services, support services and other deliverables.
2. The contract term was 5 years.
3. As identified in the response to QoN 1331, as at 30 June 2023 payments made to SpinifexIT totalled \$626,052 (GST exclusive), comprising of 2 annual licensing payments:
 - a. December 2021 - \$339,240.02 (GST inclusive)
 - b. October 2022 - \$349,417.20 (GST inclusive)
4. The contract with SpinifexIT has been terminated through a Mutual Deed of Termination. To date, licensing has been paid for 2 years, with a further 2 years to be paid under the Mutual Deed of Termination. The SpinifexIT software was not used. The PC-HRM Program team

explored numerous options to utilise the software and concluded that terminating the contract was in the best interest of the Territory.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:



Date:

13/6/24

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA