



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY  
Ms Leanne Castley MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA

**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA:

In relation to: Consultant and Contractor Costs

1. What was the total amount spent on consultants in 2020-21?
  - a. Broken down by directorate
2. What was the total amount spent on contractors in 2020-21?
  - a. Broken down by directorate
3. What was the total amount spent on consultants in 2019-20?
  - a. Broken down by directorate
4. What was the total amount spent on contractors in 2019-20?
  - a. Broken down by directorate
5. What was the total amount spent on consultants in 2018-19?
  - a. Broken down by directorate
6. What was the total amount spent on contractors in 2018-19?
  - a. Broken down by directorate

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I have been advised by my directorate that the information sought is not in an easily retrievable form. To collect and provide the information sought for the purpose of answering these questions would require a considerable diversion of resources.

In this instance, I do not believe that it would be appropriate to divert resources from other priority activities currently being undertaken for the purposes of answering the Member's question.

Some of this information can be found in agency Financial Statements as part of Annual Reports (generally in the supplies and services expense disclosure).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender Equality

Signature:

Date: 23.3.22

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA