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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Grants Management
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DUE: 13 February 2023

Asked by Mr Braddock on 2 February: The Chief Minister took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR BRADDOCK: I will phrase a more specific question. During this term of government, how many times has a minister, as the decision maker as to who the recipients of grants are, has not gone along with the recommendations that have been provided to them from directorates?

Mr Barr: Okay, I will definitely need to take that on notice.

Note rescoping of question to be: Based on grants from 2021-22 across all Directorates, how many occasions were decisions made by Ministers as delegate, that varied from Directorate advice.

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

It is not common that decisions made by Ministers vary from Directorate advice.

In 2021-22, there was only one instance identified across government where the Minister as delegate decision differed from Directorate advice. In this instance, the responsible Minister increased the recommended amount of funding to a grant recipient from \$70,000 to \$100,000.

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA