



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

Ms Nicole Lawder MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Housing and Suburban Development

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In relation to: Colliers International 2021 contract advice, reports or meetings

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Answer Due Date: 01/08/2024

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. What advice, report or meetings did Colliers provide under that contract, given the only description that was provided on the website was “market advice on land supply”?

**Mr Davey:** Again, I will have to—

**THE CHAIR:** Take that on notice?

**Mr Davey:** Yes.

**THE CHAIR:** Is this standard practice? Does this apply to other valuation companies that the SLA enter into contracts with?

**Mr Davey:** Once I have read it, I will take that on notice as well.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. Yes. We have been unable to find other contracts for commercial advice that have no KPIs stated.

**Mr Davey:** Look, it is possible—sorry to interrupt—and I will confirm this, but it could be an entry error in 2021. Maybe someone did not put the details into the register. I have seen that happen on various things in public administration, so I will follow that up.

**THE CHAIR:** You have taken that on notice.

**Mr Davey:** Yes. It would appear that that may have been the case on the surface.

**THE CHAIR:** Yes. Minister, is it appropriate that taxpayers' money is used to contract a company to provide commercial advice for land supply but you have supplied no details about what Colliers will be looking at or even if they have to provide any report at all to the SLA. You are the minister responsible for the SLA.

**Ms Berry:** And so we have taken that question on notice.

**THE CHAIR:** Have you, up until now, questioned that contract or investigated it, either internally or externally in terms of its probity? What sort of internal audit processes do you have and why has this not come up before now?

**MINISTER BERRY:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

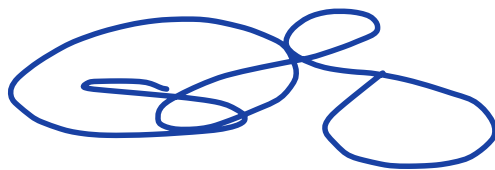
Suburban Land Agency often seeks external views and advice on market conditions to inform sales and development activities. Colliers provided the Suburban Land Agency with a report on market advice on land supply, which was subject to a Statement of Requirements which outlined the specific requirements and Key Performance Indicators for the contract.

In accordance with procurement requirements, the contract was notified appropriately, and commercially sensitive content was withheld following an approval by the Suburban Land Agency Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

There has been no investigation into the probity of this contract. Internal audit processes were covered by the acting CEO during the committee hearing.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



Date: 05/08/24

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA