



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Michael Pettersson MLA

Redirected to: Yvette Berry MLA

Reference: Operation Kite – Fraud controls/Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 18 February 2025

In relation to: Operation Kite – Fraud controls

Question received: 18 February 2025

Answer Due: 25 February 2025

I note that the Integrity Commission investigation Operation Kite has found reprehensible conduct by a CSD staff member and that the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has recommended that the CSD consider the sufficiency of its conflict of interest, fraud and anti-corruption controls to prevent corruption arising.

1. Can you advise how you are responding and what changes will be put in place?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Community Services Directorate (CSD) undertook an Internal Audit reviewing the Directorate's compliance with the ACT Integrity Framework and ACT Public Service Integrity Governance Policy, with the report finalised in September 2023. CSD subsequently commenced an integrity framework reform, designed to strengthen fraud and anti-corruption controls (including conflict of interest processes) and mature prevention activities across the Directorate. This review has been completed, pending Director-General approval, with a 2025 plan of integrity related activities to commence in April 2025.

CSD is currently undertaking a risk management refresh project which will strengthen fraud and anti-corruption controls across the Directorate. The CSD Senior Executive Responsible for Business Integrity Risk of CSD (SERBIR) maintains a communication plan to promote awareness related to prevention of fraud and corruption.

CSD has mandatory staff training which incorporates content on conflict of interest, fraud and anti-corruption controls. This includes training for all staff on fraud and

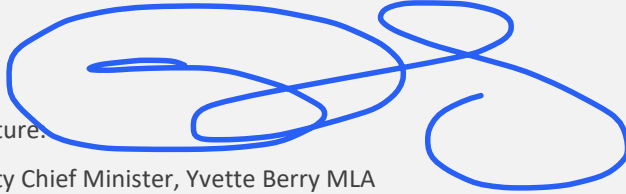
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ethical behaviour, making decisions with integrity, CSD recruitment and the CSD induction training. CSD Managers and Executives are also required to undertake training on reporting corruption to the ACT Integrity Commission.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Deputy Chief Minister, Yvette Berry MLA



Date:

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