



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttal MLA

Addressed to: Mr Shane Nielsen, Acting Executive Group Manager, Corporate & Governance Division

In relation to: Workload reduction taskforce

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Mr Nielsen took on notice the following question(s):

MISS NUTTALL: Awesome, thank you. I am interested to know what, of the work that the task force does, sits outside of, for example, the senior executive's regular remit? What is the sort of work that—yes.

Ms Cross: Well, all of the proposals that they come up with will be socialised with Shane, who will sort of have a first look at them and then come to our executive board. So they brought their first paper to the executive board, which proposed these changes to the way we manage paper flow through Objective, so that we could all save time. And the executive is part of that Objective workflow. So some of what they are doing will impact on us, but all of it will come to the executive board for sign off before it is implemented.

MS NUTTALL: Got you. Thank you. Do you mind me asking, what is the total cost of running the workforce?

Ms Cross: The total cost of?

MS CASTLEY: Of running the, sorry, the task force, rather.

Ms Cross: The task force. So the task force been set up for six months. I might see if Shane can give the rough estimate of the cost.

Mr Nielsen: Shane Nielsen. Acting Executive Group Manager for Corporate and Governance. I will have to take the value on notice.

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Minister Stephen-Smith: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The taskforce has been established for a six-month duration in 2024-25 with four positions (two SOG As, one SOG B and one SOG C). Due to acting opportunities, it is currently functioning with two positions. The budget for the period is \$392,902.

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