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Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MR ED COCKS MLA

Addressed to: MR CHRIS STEEL MLA, TREASURER

In relation to: PAYROLL TAX

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Mr Mitch Pirie took on notice the following question:

Mr Cocks: Thank you. You have mentioned the insourcing of government jobs, both at a federal and ACT level. What is the impact on payroll tax in terms of quantity currently and forecast?

Mr Steel: Yes, look, it does have an impact on payroll tax, and one of the reasons for that is that the ACT is not able to charge their largest employer, the commonwealth, payroll tax, but it also has other benefits for the economy more broadly. But I do not know whether the Treasury wants to comment on what we have seen over recent years there.

Mr Pirie: Yes. So we did see in 23-24 a particular hit to our payroll tax collections as a result of that insourcing. 24-5—

Mr Cocks: Sorry. What was the scale of that? How much was that?

Mr Pirie: I might take that on notice to provide that detail.

MR CHRIS STEEL MLA, TREASURER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The outcome for payroll tax revenue in the 2023-24 financial year (as per the 2024-25 Budget Review) as compared to the 2023-24 Budget forecast was $68.8 million.

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Signature: Date: 7/3/25

By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA