



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair),
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Inquiry into Auditor-General Performance Reports July – December 2023
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
30 May 2024

Asked by Mr Cain MLA on 30 May 2024: Mr Dutta took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: Does CHRIS21 have a processing limit for its payroll system and what is that number?

Mr Dutta: Sorry, can you repeat the question?

MR CAIN: Does it have a processing limit for its payroll system?

Mr Dutta: I will have to take that on notice.

MR CAIN: Is it possible that that is \$99,999,999 million?

Mr Dutta: I will have to take that on notice, Mr Cain.

MR CAIN: And can you take on notice whether CMTEDD exceeded this, this limit—what the limit is in 2023? And how much did CMTEDD exceed such a limit over that period? And if that was the case, how was additional money appropriated, given that the DTTs recruitment frozen to ensure the payroll expenses could be met?

So, just perhaps one more—

THE CHAIR: So I understand you are taking all of that on notice?

Mr Steel: Yes, okay.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Payroll processing has a Bank File (EFT) limit that is set by an external party. This limit is currently supported within the ACT Government's payroll ecosystem, whereby a second file is created when the limit is exceeded.

ACT Public Service payroll regularly exceeds the limit without any impact to payroll processing.

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Signature:



Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State

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