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

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA and Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Trade, Investment and Economic Development

Reference: Uncorrected Hansard Transcript 25 July 2024 Page 120

In relation to: Invoice for Sierra Rising, value of contract

Hearing Date: 25 July 2024

QTON lodgement date: 26 July 2024

Answer Due Date: 31 July 2024

MISS NUTTALL: Thank you. Just a quick follow up, if that is okay? So, on the notifiable invoices register for Sierra Rising, I have been able to find an invoice for \$28,875 dated 17 December, but cannot find anything on the notifiable contracts register. Do you mind me asking why that might be?

Ms Arthy: Can I take that one on notice, or at least I can ask the team if they might be able to give me the answer prior to the conclusion of today? I just do not have that information on me.

MS CLAY: Chair, can I supplement? Can you advise the total value of the services for the contract?

Ms Arthy: I think we are talking about separate contracts here. If I understand Ms Nuttall, your question is around this particular conference and this particular symposium; is that correct? And Ms Clay, is your question around the Defence Industry Advisory Service more broadly, or just this contract?

MS CLAY: No, just is there a rising total value of the contract or the invoices, however it is described?

Ms Arthy: Sure. I will come back to you on notice, or by the end of this session.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Ms Karen Schilling operates Sierra Rising Pty Ltd, which is currently engaged under contract to deliver defence industry support services from 17 October 2023 to 18 September 2024. The total value of the contract is \$143,687.50. Both the original contract and variation are on the notifiable contracts register; however, the company name appears to have been misspelt on the register (misspelt as "Sierre"). This error has been raised with Procurement ACT and has been corrected as of 29 July 2024.

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

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Trade, Investment and Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA