



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

**Inquiry into Auditor-General performance Audit Reports July – December 2023**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Peter Cain MLA:

In relation to: AG Audit Report 10/2023 and Human Resources Information Management System Program

- (1) Could you provide the committee an informed estimate of the total internal costs.
- (2) The Acting Auditor-General described the costs as ‘substantial’, would \$10 million be a fair estimation in your view.
- (3) Including the decommission costs, can you provide the most up-to-date total cost of HRIMS to the Committee.
- (4) Please provide the total costs for the upgrades to the CHRIS21 systems and whether you anticipate additional appropriation is required on top of the current \$17.1m expense.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

Questions 1 and 2:

All direct internal costs accounted for in the HRIMS Program are included in the total program cost. These costs do not include any cost attribution of indirect internal costs, for example corporate support which relates to indirect staff costs outside of the project and corporate overheads such as rent, ICT, and facility costs. As at 31 May 2024, the total cost of the HRIMS Program amounted to \$78.143m.

Question 3:

Of the total HRIMS Program cost of \$78.143m, this is comprised of:


- i. Total expenditure costs of \$77.632m to 30 June 2023, as reported in QoN 1331; and
- ii. A further \$0.511m in decommissioning costs that were incurred between 1 July 2023 and 31 May 2024 after the close of the HRIMS Program but attributable to the Program.

Total expenditure includes total operating expenditure plus capital expenditure less amortisation.

Question 4:

The total cost of the government investment into the PC-HRM Program is commercial in confidence until the procurement activities are complete.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature: 

Date: 14 / 6 / 24

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA