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

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

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**MS LEE:** Okay. And you have taken the date on notice? As you have clarified, Ms Cover was employed under the Financial Management Act, as CEO of CIT. Did you have any role or were you notified at all when her appointment was first made?

**Ms Leigh:** I do not recall that. As a matter of courtesy I would have—no, it would have been a public appointment for a start. And as a matter of courtesy I probably was informed about it. I am aware of all of the statutory office holders across our public sector. They are key players in our public sector.

**MS LEE:** Yes, but—

**Ms Leigh:** So I would have been aware. But I cannot recall particular details.

**MS LEE:** Yes. But do you become aware as in like once it has been appointed as an FYI or is it—do you get notice before the appointment is done?

**Ms Leigh:** Well I have nothing to do with the appointment. So normally it would be as it is—you know, once it is made formal.

**MS LEE:** Yes. And were you consulted or given notice when Ms Cover's contract was renewed in June 2021?

**Ms Leigh:** Not that I recall.

**MR CAIN:** Can I have supp, Chair.

**THE CHAIR:** Mr Cain.

**MR CAIN:** So Ms Leigh, given what we know—

**THE CHAIR:** Sorry, just before we move on, are you happy with that, not that I recall, or would you like Ms Leigh to take that on notice?

**MS LEE:** Yes. So are you able to take it on notice in terms of what you can find out about your knowledge of the renewal? So this is the renewal in June 2021.

**Ms Leigh:** I am happy to. I am not sure that it will illicit any further information, but I am happy to.

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

The Head of Service has advised me that the Chair of the CIT Board, Craig Sloan, approached her via email on 18 November 2020 to advise that he was chairing a panel to undertake an assessment process of Ms Cover's performance as the CEO as part of consideration of whether her appointment should be extended. Mr Sloan asked the Head of Service to provide feedback on the CEO's performance to inform the panel's deliberations. In response the Head of Service provided comments to Mr Sloan.

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA