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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
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Inquiry into the Appropriation Bill 2019-2020 (No 2)

Answer to Question Taken on Notice

The Committee asks ministers to provide Answers to Questions Taken on Notice within 5 working days of receipt of the Uncorrected Proof Transcript, where Day One is the first working day after the hearing.

Question taken on notice by Vicki Dunne MLA on 2 March 2020, p.74 of Proof Transcript:

THE CHAIR: This initiative has \$744,000 in this financial year, amounting to \$8.6 million over the outyears. For next year and the remainder of the outyears there is another \$6 million for revenue associated with that, so the costs over time will be largely offset. Could the committee have an understanding of what the \$744,000 in this financial year is for, in the first instance?

Mr Young: Certainly. The supplementary funding for the part-year is to provide, in the main, some of the positions, the first being the new WHS commissioner. That is a new statutory officer position and remuneration is determined by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal. That determination has been handed down.

THE CHAIR: Has been?

Mr Young: It has been. There is also a new position of finance and budget support manager. There is a media and communications adviser. There is funding for an inspectorate resource, focusing on psychological health initiatives. There is also money to commence the scoping and procurement of a new ICT system to support inspectorate activities.

THE CHAIR: How much is set aside for ICT?

Ms Orr: Mrs Dunne, would you like a breakdown of what that? THE CHAIR: It would probably be easier to have a breakdown, rather than—

Ms Orr: We will take that on notice and provide it to you.

The Answer to Question Taken on Notice by Suzanne Orr MLA as Minister for Employment and Workplace Safety in connection with an independent Worksafe ACT to better protect workers in the ACT, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, considered in hearings of 2 March 2020 is as follows:

The supplementary part year funding for the 2019-20 financial year would fund:

- a. the WHS Commissioner – a new statutory officer position with remuneration determined by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal at the Executive Level 2.3;
- b. a temporary Executive Level 1.4 position – this is a project specific role, responsible for leading the Work Health and Safety Compliance and Enforcement Reform Program implementation team until 30 June 2020;
- c. a finance and business support manager position;
- d. a media and communications advisor position;
- e. a psychological health manager/inspector position; and
- f. the scoping and implementation of a tailored case management system to support inspectorate compliance, enforcement and education interventions (estimated cost of \$200,000).

Signed



Suzanne Orr MLA

Minister for Employment and Workplace Safety

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