



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Friday, 22 October 2021

Asked by PETER CAIN MLA on 22 OCTOBER 2021: CHRIS STEEL MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: I will kick off with one: output 7.2, Auditor-General's report No 7 of 2021 on ACT government procurement. The recent Auditor-General's report into procurement exemptions found that 770 ACT government procurements valued at 395 million did not go to open tender over the past three years. This means that approximately 130 million of taxpayer dollars is being spent without going to tender—around 20 per cent. It is concerning because it makes me wonder how many small Canberra businesses are being locked out of government spending. Minister, are you able to tell me the top 20 vendors, by value of their total receipts, from these procurements?

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MR CAIN: Minister, do you know what the median value of the 770 procurements was and how many procurements were repeat purchases from the same provider?

Mr Steel: I will take that very specific question on notice.

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The median value of contracts with an exemption that were executed between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2020 is \$86,250.

The other information requested has been provided as part of the answer to QON 9.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy Gender and Economic Equality

Signature:

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA