



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: To ask the Auditor-General

Ref: Office of the Auditor-General

In relation to: Integrity Commissions findings into the Dickson land swap

In light of the recent criticism of the Auditor General's findings in Integrity Commissions report into the Dickson land transaction, is the Auditor General considering any practical or methodological changes to the way they conduct audits, if so, what are they?

Will the Auditor General issue a response to the Integrity Commission's findings?

Mr Harris: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –


The methodology for the conduct of a performance audit is set out in the Audit Office's *Performance Audit Methods and Practices* (PAMPr), which outlines policies, practice statements and associated guidance papers. These policies and practices have been designed to comply with the requirements of the *Auditor-General Act 1996* and relevant audit standards (including *ASAE 3500-Performance Engagements*). The Audit Office's quality assurance arrangements provide assurance with respect to compliance with the policies and practices.

The Integrity Commission examined aspects of the sale of Block 30 (formerly Block 20) Section 34 Dickson from a different perspective to that of the Audit Office, i.e. with a view to determining whether corrupt conduct may have occurred.

The Audit Office will consider the findings of the Integrity Commission in future reviews of *Performance Audit Methods and Practices* (PAMPr) and consider changes where appropriate and consistent with the audit standards.

I have responded to the Integrity Commission during the development of its report, but do not intend to make any further comment.

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Signature:  Date: 12 September 2022

By the Auditor-General for the ACT Audit Office, Mr Michael Harris