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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
25 February 2022

Asked by Mr Hanson on 25 February 2022 Ms Berry MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

PROCUREMENT POLICY -- Have you considered then what time frame you are going to look back over and the procurements over what amount? What is the dollar amount for a procurement to be looked at, and retrospectively over what period?

Ms Berry MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--

As part of Education Directorate's 2021-22 Audit & Assurance program, the Directorate will undertake an internal audit on procurement practices commencing April 2022. This internal audit will assess the effectiveness of the Directorate's procurement operating model and is intended as a 'baseline' assessment. The outcome of this internal audit will be leveraged to help identify whether further or ongoing audit work may be required across system, project or procurement specific activities. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) will determine the appropriate procurement values and reference points to deliver the audit outcomes.

In addition, the Directorate will actively support an upcoming Whole of Government data collection exercise which will provide further insights on procurement practices across the ACT Government. This exercise will include examination of how frequently delegates depart from the advice of procurement panels across a sample of government procurements. It is expected that this exercise will span procurements undertaken over multiple years, and across a range of directorates. This will provide data-driven insights to inform further work to strengthen the ACT Government's approach to procurement if required.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Ms Yvette Berry