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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Pettersson MLA on 24 July 2023: Mr Little took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Mr Little: Martin Little, Deputy Chief Projects Officer from Major Projects Canberra. Thank you.

Just in terms of the designated projects, say for example, Canberra Hospital expansion project, has a requirement to meet certain criteria that is split back by the contractors in terms of Indigenous employment and engagement. And that is monitored through the project governance framework.

The CIT project, which is underway, also has a requirement for increasing the level of woman participation in construction. And again, that is split back by the contractors, monitored regularly through the project governance framework. And the Canberra Theatre project, which is just getting underway, also has a similar type of requirement where it looks at engaging socially in terms of diverse community, in terms of Indigenous community, and also the LGBTI community as well.

MR PETTERSSON: So you can speak to some of the elements within these plans, is there a reason that you just cannot make the plans public?

Mr Little: There are certain elements that can be made public in so far as that they do not cut across the commercial aspects of their offer from the contractors. But those elements can be made public.

MR PETTERSSON: And do they make public standard operating procedure?

Mr Little: Can I take that on notice, please? Depending on the commercial nature of it.

MR PETTERSSON: Okay.

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

The Local Industry Participation Policy does not require a Local Industry Participation Plan (Plan) to be published.

Relevantly, the Plan does not form an attachment to the Territory's GC21 standard form of contract and, as such, is not currently included when notifying GC21 standard contracts under the Notifiable Contract requirements in the *Government Procurement Act 2001*.

The Plan forms part of a Supplier's Tender response. Depending on the content, the Plan may contain information having a commercial value. As such, it is not standard operating procedure to make Plans public.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA