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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.67 of Proof Transcript:

Mr Nicol: The \$100,000 will cover more than the cost of just this employee. It will go to whether we engage independent expert advice as to how these systems work. That is still to be considered and decided. The intent would be—and I think that is what we will be doing; we will need the staff member to engage on that front when they come on—to get that procurement activity underway very quickly and to get that work done very quickly.

THE CHAIR: Could you, for the information of the committee, on notice, provide a breakdown of what the \$100,000 is for?

Mr Nicol: We can take that on notice. THE CHAIR: And the time frame for getting that money out the door? Mr Nicol: Yes, we can do that.

The Answer to Question Taken on Notice by Suzanne Orr MLA as Minister for Government Services and Procurement in connection with modernising procurement practices, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, considered in hearings of 2 March 2020 is as follows:

A Senior Officer Grade A will commence in late March 2020. The pro-rata salary and administrative on-costs of this office in 2019-20 are approximately \$56,000.

The remaining \$44,000 is to be used to obtain consultancy expert advice as required, travel to meet with other jurisdictions, and host workshops/information sessions.

It is expected that the \$100,000 in funding will be expended in the 2019-20 financial year.

Signed



Suzanne Orr MLA  
Minister for Government Services and Procurement

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