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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.70 of Proof Transcript:

THE CHAIR: I will put on the record, minister, that with a project like the "batteryfication", for want of a better word, of the light rail vehicles, there will be a lot of direct procurement of rare earths and rare minerals which come out of conflict zones—not direct procurement by the ACT but somewhere along the line. How are we going to ensure that that is not conflict energy, essentially?

Mr Nicol: I will take that comment on notice. It is an important one that we are aware of. We will be looking at that process. That particular one does come to mind as one that is high risk. One of the things we will be doing as part of this project is to look at stratifying our risk in our procurement. I do not think that every procurement involves these high risks.

The Answer to Question Taken on Notice by Suzanne Orr MLA as Minister for Government Services and Procurement in connection with Stage 2A of Light Rail, batteries in Light Rail vehicles, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, considered in hearings of 2 March 2020 is as follows:

The contract for the procurement of Stage 2A, including batteries, has not yet been entered. The issue of ensuring an ethical supply chain will be covered as part of the ongoing negotiations with Canberra Metro for the main works of Stage 2A.

Signed

Suzanne Orr MLA

Minister for Government Services and Procurement

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