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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

## **Exhibit Cover sheet**

**Inquiry into Inquiry into the Auditor - General  
Performance Audit Reports July-December 2023**

**Exhibit number: 1**



## Chris Steel MLA

Minister for Planning  
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Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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Dear Mr Cocks

I refer to the proof Hansard of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Inquiry into the Auditor-General Performance Audit Reports July-December 2023 from 30 May 2024.

In the course of responding to a question from Mr Braddock regarding Report No. 10 of 2023 – Human Resource Information Management System (HRIMS) Program, I stated the following in relation to the Auditor-General and the ACT Government-commissioned reports:

**Mr Steel:** There were governance issues at a range of different levels with the project, and that was identified by the reviews, including by the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General clearly said that no one particular person is responsible. There were a range of issues from the very beginning that contributed to that problem. I think it was the Deloitte review in particular that picked up some of those governance issues.

Separately, in response to a supplementary question from Mr Cain, I commented the following:

**Mr Steel:** My understanding is no. I think it was mentioned previously that the Leeper report highlighted that the failure of the HRIMS program was essentially about governance, not about an individual.

In reviewing the proof Hansard, I wish to correct the initial statement relating to the Auditor-General, where I said, “The Auditor-General clearly said that no one particular person is responsible”.

As I indicated in the response to Mr Cain’s supplementary, this is an identified finding of the Leeper Report.

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I trust this correction will assist with the Committee's deliberations on this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', written in a cursive style.

Chris Steel MLA  
Special Minister of State  
28 June 2024