

PUBLIC SECTOR COMMISSION — INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF CONTRACTS

1258. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Finance:

I refer again to the Public Sector Commission's "Independent Review of Contracts", dated 23 October 2018.

- (1) Noting the limitations imposed by the report's terms of reference, will the government make a final decision in relation to the so-called temporary suspension of contractors named in the August Corruption and Crime Commission report into practices at the North Metropolitan Health Service?
- (2) If yes to (1), what process will be followed to guide the decision-making process?
- (3) Further to (2), which agency will manage the process and advise the government of its recommendations, and will that agency seek the services of any external adviser; and, if so, who, and at what cost?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Finance.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(3) The Department of Finance will consider all relevant material and make a recommendation to government, after affording the contractors procedural fairness. It is not anticipated that any advisers external to government will be engaged.