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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Hon Sue Ellery to the Leader of the House representing the Premier.

I refer to Tender DPC1575 and the awarding of a contract for \$190,000 to the company Luna Ventures, a director of which is Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood, and I ask:

- (1) Is the contract a re-negotiation of any previous contract with Bright Blue Communications and Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood?
- (2) If no to (1), is this a new contract for the provision of new services and if so what is the nature of the new services?
- (3) If the contract is a continuation of an existing arrangement with Mr Wedgwood, for which specific strategic projects will Mr Wedgwood be providing advice?
- (4) Was the contract put out to open tender and if not, why not?
- (5) What is the current total value of all Ministerial Office or public sector agency contracts involving Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood or companies associated with Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood?
- (6) What are Mr Wedgwood's employment arrangements as far as hours of work are concerned for each current contract awarded to companies he is associated with?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

(1)–(6) The contract between the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Luna Ventures Pty Ltd replaces a prior contract for the services of Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood that terminated on 6 February 2013.

The contract is for the provision of advisory services on strategic projects as required. The contract was established under the Ministerial Contracts for Services Engagement process and the consultancy fees are based on the payment of hourly and daily rates for hours worked.

The Ministerial Merit Panel recommended to the Director General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet that the contract be let in April 2013.

