

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — RADIO SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT PROJECT —
HUAWEI-UGL CONTRACT

5174. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport; Planning:

I refer to the Huawei UGL contract for the Public Transport Authority's (PTA) Radio Systems Replacement Project, and I ask:

- (a) Did the PTA seek legal advice prior to finalising the contract and if so on what dates was advice sought;
- (b) If so, who provided the legal advice;
- (c) Did the PTA seek legal advice after finalising the contract and if so on what dates was the advice sought;
- (d) If so, who provided the legal advice;
- (e) Which security consultant was engaged in providing advice regarding the Huawei UGL contract;
- (f) What was the cost of the security consultant's advice;
- (g) What were the dates that the security consultant provided advice; and
- (h) Has a security consultant been engaged to manage the security measures put in place regarding this contract?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a)–(b) The Public Transport Authority (PTA) sought advice from the State Solicitor's Office (SSO) during the development of the business case for the Radio System Replacement Project. The SSO identified the matter as 'non-core' work and therefore the PTA engaged commercial lawyers HWL Ebsworth Lawyers with expertise in this field for the period 24/11/2016 to 30/07/2018. There is no requirement through a Treasurer's Instruction or Premier's Circular that requires internal SSO advice for a contract such as this. Commercial legal support and PTA internal legal support continued to be used for the later stages of the project beyond the business case.
- (c)–(d) The PTA sought and received advice from its General Counsel, SSO and HWL Ebsworth Lawyers on a number of matters associated with this contract.
- (e) Refer to Legislative Council Question without Notice 22.
- (f) The Estimated total value is \$198,000.
- (g) Advice relevant to the formulation of cyber security requirements for the radio contract was received by the PTA in August 2018.
- (h) Yes.