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Question from The Hon. Dr Sarah Kaine:

Are consultants ever engaged by the agencies or State-owned corporations to engage with you (TCorp)?

Answer:

TCorp has limited or no transparency on whether other agencies or State-owned corporations use consultants when engaging with TCorp. TCorp believes that the agencies or State-owned corporations are best placed to respond to this question.

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Question from the Hon. Wes Fang:

(In relation to TCorp’s investment management business), what would occur in circumstances where TCorp identifies a regime or country that is hostile or unfriendly to our interests but somebody like the Treasurer or the Premier determines that for a wider reason- or whatever reason- they aren’t going to share that view? Where does that delineation lie?

Answer:

If the Treasurer issues TCorp with a direction to divest of certain investments – as has been done historically with tobacco and Russian securities – then TCorp must implement that direction.

TCorp manages all of its clients’ investment portfolios in accordance with agreements (mandates) in place with its clients.

In the absence of any direction from the Treasurer, and subject to complying with relevant client agreements, sanctions and laws, TCorp is able determine which countries it invests in on behalf of its clients.

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Question from the Hon. Mark Latham:

(Further to the previous question from Hon. Wes Fang) ...along with taking on notice the list of companies

Answer:

TCorp has a country risk framework in place for its investment portfolios. This framework assesses the risk of investing in countries, not companies.

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Question from the Chair:

...in terms of the appointments of those fund managers. Where does that get reported? If I wanted to find out that TCorp has entered into a contract and paid this amount here, where would I find that?

Answer:

TCorp does not consider its fund managers to be consultants based on the NSW Government's definition of consultants contained in the NSW Procurement Board Direction PBD-2021-03.

All TCorp's fund managers (investment partners) are disclosed in TCorp's Annual Report. The amounts paid to our investment partners are not disclosed as they fall within TCorp's exemption under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA).