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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**Questions on Notice Paper No 42**  
**17 May 2024**  
**Question No. 1928**

**ANDREW BRADDOCK MLA:** To ask the Minister for Trade, Investment and Economic Development

On the afternoon of Thursday, 2nd May, a symposium was held at the ANU, titled as an “ACT Defence and Advanced Technology Manufacturing Symposium”, and badged as a collaborations between the ANU Research School of Physics and the ACT Government. What was the ACT Government's involvement in this symposium, and how much was expended on the government's participation in it.

**ANDREW BARR MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government contracts Sierra Rising Pty Ltd (ABN: 73662784241) for the provision of Defence Industry Support Services. The ACT Defence and Advanced Technology Manufacturing Industry Symposium was organised by Ms Karen Schilling, the Director of Sierra Rising, to support local companies with presentations by representatives from the Australian Government and CSIRO on programs that provide potential funding, grants and other opportunities to support and grow their business.

The ACT Government distributed the invitation to external stakeholders, paid for name badges (\$62.96 including GST) and paid for the catering of food only (\$1,865 including GST).

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**

**Andrew Barr MLA**

**Minister for Trade, Investment and Economic Development**

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