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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Sara Hannan, Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Shay Wilson, Chief Information Officer *BSW*

DATE: June 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Darktrace Cybersecurity Software Renewal

The Division of Technology and Information uses several cybersecurity software packages to defend the legislative data network from threats. One of those tools is Darktrace, a cybersecurity software that learns the normal work profile of each individual legislative user on the network and, if a user's online behavior deviates from that profile, alerts DTI to investigate the anomaly.

DTI has used Darktrace for the last three years and it has proven to be a critical cybersecurity tool. An introductory annual price was secured below the \$50,000 procurement threshold requiring Legislative Council approval; however, this agreement is due to expire on July 1, 2025. DTI has also added more users to the tracking scope for increased security, which has increased the overall cost.

Without this purchase, DTI's cybersecurity team will lose valuable visibility into network traffic patterns, which would make the legislative data network less secure and the cybersecurity team's job more difficult to perform. Therefore, DTI is requesting Legislative Council approval for a one-year agreement with Darktrace at a cost of \$67,404.

Thank you for your consideration.

MOTION: I move that Legislative Council approve the expenditure of sixty-seven thousand four hundred four dollars (\$67,404) to Software House International (SHI) to license the legislature to continue to use Darktrace.