



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Pettersson MLA on 26 July 2023: Mr Aaron Hughes took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: Unclaimed Body Scheme

MR PETTERSSON: I was hoping to get an update on the unclaimed body scheme. How many people's remains have you dealt with since the introduction of the scheme?

Mr A Hughes: For the complete introduction of the scheme I would need to take that on notice, but we have given numbers in the budget statement of intent, or maybe we have not. The unclaimed bodies scheme, from memory, and I would like to take that on notice for the current financial year, the number in my head is around seven, but I would like to take that on notice and to confirm that for you. The total scheme since it was created, we would need to take that on notice and look at the previous financial years as well.

AARON HUGHES: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Unclaimed Deceased Person scheme came into effect from 2021 under section 13A of the *Public Trustee and Guardian Act 1985*. Since inception the Public Trustee and Guardian has made arrangements for 9 deceased persons.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron Hughes".

Date: 3 August 2023

By the Public Trustee and Guardian, Aaron Hughes