



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 2 September 2022: Ms Yvette Berry MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: SLA Gift Declarations

**Mr Dietz:** The answer is yes, we do, and there is a relevant policy which is a government policy and we share that policy under the EPSDD umbrella and I do not have it here for tabling, but I can take it on notice to table that policy.

**MR CAIN:** Thank you. And on how many occasions were gifts as I have just described declared in '21-22?

**Ms Berry:** Sorry, can you ask the question again, Mr Cain?

**Mr Dietz:** Yes, from the best of my knowledge, the answer is zero. I do have that information here that I could just quickly grab.

**Ms Berry:** Just take it on notice for a moment.

**Mr Dietz:** Happy to take that on notice, thank you.

**MR CAIN:** So why did you say the answer was zero?

**Ms Berry:** We are just taking it on notice for the moment to clarify for you, Mr Cain. Thank you.

**MR CAIN:** Very well. A supplementary, Chair. Have there been any instances where staff have been not to have declared gifts? And what action was taken in such a case?

**Ms Berry:** We will take that question on notice. What have you got?

**Mr Dietz:** There are no instances that have come to my attention or my governance team where an employer has failed to follow that process.

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The Suburban Land Agency (SLA) follows the Whole of Government Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy managed by Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate. The Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy can be accessed here:  
[https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/1135043/CMTEDD-Gifts-and-Hospitality-Policy.pdf](https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/1135043/CMTEDD-Gifts-and-Hospitality-Policy.pdf)

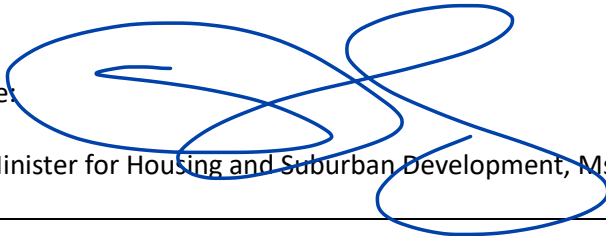
The SLA enacts this Policy through our Chief Executive Financial Instructions Number 5 (CEFI 5). The CEFI 5 stipulates a lower threshold for declarations of gifts and benefits than is included in the Whole of Government Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy. The CEFI 5 can be accessed here:

[https://suburbanland.act.gov.au/uploads/ckfinder/files/pdf/1\\_About/Policies/CEFI5/CEFI5%20Official%20Hospitality%20Meeting%20Expenses%20and%20Gifts.pdf](https://suburbanland.act.gov.au/uploads/ckfinder/files/pdf/1_About/Policies/CEFI5/CEFI5%20Official%20Hospitality%20Meeting%20Expenses%20and%20Gifts.pdf)

2. There was one gift declared on the SLA Gift Register in 2021-22.
3. There were no known instances in 2021-22 where staff did not declare gifts in line with the Whole of Government Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy and CEFI 5.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Ms Yvette Berry MLA