



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA on 31 October 2022: Mr George Cilliers took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: DA assessment Staffing

THE CHAIR: Are you able to take on notice for those 39 a redacted breakdown of APS levels and qualifications? Is that possible or not?

Mr Cilliers: Yes, we can.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Mr Ponton: I think it would be useful to add to that if I may, Chair, that we also have people of course we bring on younger people who are studying but are working and have been trained in our organisation. So, I think it might be useful to also include those who are studying towards qualification. If we are able to do that, Mr Cilliers.

Mr Cilliers: Sure. Yes.

MR CAIN: I have a supplementary on that.

THE CHAIR: I do hear you, Mr Cain but one of our witnesses was talking. Do you have a supplementary?

MR CAIN: I do. So of that 39 DA assessment officers, how many are qualified town planners?

Mr Cilliers: I think that is the question that Ms Clay asked about this.

THE CHAIR: I believe that has been taken on notice, Mr Cain.

Mr Cilliers: Yes.

MR CAIN: So you will break it down to qualified town planners in your list?

Mr Ponton: Yes. Yes and other qualifications because of course planning does rely on others, so having a mix of qualifications in the organisation, particularly in that area we think is very important,

so it is town planners, it is architects, it is landscape architects, it is engineers, it is urban designers and, as I said, from a range of not only professional backgrounds but bringing experience from other parts of the world.

MR CAIN: As long as the breakdown includes their registered qualifications and academic credentials.

Mr Ponton: I am sorry, if I could again just clarify. Town planning, if you are talking about registered town planners, that is not a requirement for town planners to be registered as you might expect for accountants and the like. So if you are talking about qualified, it is voluntary to be registered through the planning institute. So just, I am not quite sure if that is what you are asking, Mr Cain.

THE CHAIR: Maybe, Mr Ponton, you could just run us through how the registration works so Mr Cain is on top of understanding how you have a registered degree that makes you qualified.

Mr Ponton: Yes. So a qualification could be from either a university, but there is also various certificates that would be considered appropriate for people to be working in the field, but in terms of the Planning Institute of Australia, it does have a program where it seeks to have planners voluntarily register, and then if they voluntarily register there are certain additional professional development requirements. In fact, Mr Cain, you would be aware, I am sure, and having read through the bill, that one of the changes that we have made is to acquire the chief planner to have the appropriate qualifications and experience to meet registration requirements from an appropriate professional body. We thought that was an important addition because that is not currently a requirement, the current requirement is skills and experience or qualifications, but we have added that additional requirement for eligibility to be registered. It is a voluntary process run through the Planning Institute of Australia, it is not a mandatory requirement as is the case with other professions.

THE CHAIR: Before we hand over to Ms Orr, I will just restate what we have taken on notice. The FTE numbers, the APS breakdown for the people involved in DA assessment and the executives involved in that, and the qualifications, just so that we get that right. Ms Orr, do you have a substantive?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

FTE numbers by APS breakdown (Classification) for the EPSDD Development Assessment and Support Branch are as follows:

Classification	FTE Total
DEVELOPMNT ASSES AND SUP	41.49
1. Administrative Services Officer Grade 4	5.41
2. Administrative Services Officer Grade 5	9.28
3. Administrative Services Officer Grade 6	7
4. Senior Officer Grade C	10.8
5. Senior Professional Officer Grade C	1
6. Senior Officer Grade B	6
7. Senior Professional Officer Grade B	1
8. Senior Officer Grade A	1
Grand Total	41.49

Qualifications of Officers in the Directorate’s Development Assessment and Support Branch include planning, architecture, landscape architecture, law, engineering, building design, environmental science, environmental design, accessibility, building and works certification, GIS and spatial data.

Details of Executives responsible for the Development Assessment and Support Branch and relevant qualifications are as follows:

Role	Qualifications
Executive Branch Manager, Development Assessment and Support	Bachelor of Business Administration Diploma of Business Quality Auditing
Executive Group Manager, Statutory Planning	BA (Urban Geography, Anthropology, Sociology and Economics) Master of Urban and Regional Planning Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law Graduate Diploma in Transport and Traffic Certificates: Programme in Municipal Management and Development (IMMD) Principles for Environmental Management State-of-Environment Reporting
Deputy Director-General, Planning and Sustainable Development	Diploma of Teaching (Secondary – English, Geography, Sociology) Bachelor of Arts (Geography, GIS, Urban and Regional Planning) Master of Urban and Regional Planning PhD – Urban Planning & Tourism Planning ANZSOG – executive leadership accreditation Member, Planning Institute of Australia Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
Director-General, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate	Bachelor of Applied Science (Geography) Registered Town Planner (PIA) Member, Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) Member, American Planning Association Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors Thirty (30) years experience in areas including urban and regional planning, land / infrastructure development, public policy, building, planning and environment policy and regulation, climate change policy, energy and water policy, transport policy / public transport delivery

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