



Inquiry into Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Ms Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

In relation to: Purchase of Mr Fluffy blocks

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Answer Due: 4 June 2026

MS CARRICK: There are still some Mr Fluffy blocks out there that the residents want to sell. Can they be purchased?

Ms Berry: We did purchase some of those.

MS CARRICK: I know you did, but there are still some out there. Do you look at the ones that people want to sell and give the market rates for? Some of them are big blocks.

Ms Berry: Under the previous Growing and Renewal Program, or the one that we are completing now, we did purchase I cannot remember how many. We could take that on notice, but we did purchase—

MS CARRICK: Can you tell me if you are willing to purchase the remaining ones that the owners want to sell?

Ms Berry: It would have to depend on the block and where they are.

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government continues to administer the Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme (the Scheme) in accordance with its established policy settings. While most affected properties have been addressed through the Scheme, a small number remain in private ownership.

The ACT Government does not have a standing program to purchase all remaining blocks following the closure of the Buy Back Program in August 2021. Should a homeowner want to sell, homeowners have been made aware of options available to them. Information about the Buyback program is available at the following link <https://www.loosefillasbestos.act.gov.au/affected-properties>.

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Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Signature:

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Date:

10/07/26

By the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA