



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MS ORR:

In relation to:

1. What is the annual cost in the ACT of legal processes and proceedings related to the construction industry?
2. What is the annual cost to the ACT Government directly of legal processes and proceedings related to the construction industry

MINISTER RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The framing of the question makes providing a meaningful answer extremely difficult: the scope as it stands would encompass the entirety of the ACT including all government and all non-government parties; however, the Territory has no knowledge of matters pertaining to what would be an enormous number of parties.

The meaning of "legal processes and proceedings" is too broad to provide a meaningful answer. It could include prosecutions for work health and safety, investigations or inspections of workplaces, workers compensation claims associated with construction projects, the costs of courts or tribunals and parties appearing before them in dealing with such matters, the legal costs for businesses in the ACT in dealing with commercial construction contracts and projects or legal disputes about such projects.

As the question stands, the scope is too broad to be able to be quantified.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Ramsay".

Date:

22/12/17

By the Minister for Regulatory Services, Gordon Ramsay MLA