



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
18 October 2021

Asked by Mr Cain on 18 October 2021: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

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MR CAIN: So I have a question about the Boards managing the CRA and SLA. So Chief Minister, do you have a conflict-of-interest policy and when was that last updated?

Mr Barr: Yes, and I will have to check the date on when it was last updated. Given both organisations came into effect in the year 2017, they are relatively recent.

MR CAIN: Thank you and regarding staff and Board directors, are they required to declare conflicts of interest and does that also apply to any spouse or partner, domestic partner?

Mr Barr: Yes. Yes, it would. Consistent with ACT government requirements around declarations.

MR CAIN: And what efforts are made to ensure that those documents — those declarations are current? For example, changing spousal relationships?

Mr Barr: Well, that would be a requirement on the individuals. I will need to check what timeframe the updates are required to be lodged. I think normally, you know, there is a grace period of some weeks. It is not expected that things occur instantaneously, but there is a requirement to keep those registers up to date.

MR CAIN: Thank you and finally, Chair, on how many occasions in the last two years has a board director recused themselves from a board meeting due to a conflict?

Mr Barr: I will take that on notice.

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

Suburban Land Agency

The Suburban Land Agency (SLA) Board Conflicts of Interest (COI) policy aligns with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1996* (FMA) and is codified in the SLA Board Charter. The Charter was last updated on 21 October 2020.

There has been one occasion in the last year where an SLA Board member has recused themselves from a meeting discussion.

City Renewal Authority

The City Renewal Authority (CRA) complies with the ACT Public Sector Conflicts of Interest (COI) policy (last updated June 2021), the requirements of the Financial Management Act (FMA) 1996, the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017, the CRA Board Charter and Board and Sub-Committee COI Protocol. The Charter was last updated on 10 June 2021.

In the last two years there has been one occasion when a CRA Board member has recused themselves from a meeting discussion.

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr