



## Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA on 24 November 2023: Jacqui Agius took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Compliance costs of monitoring

**Ms Grey:** It involves an inspector going out to the household and ensuring that they are compliant with all of the things that the regulation requires now. The regulation requires things like having an asbestos contamination report and there is they need to be displayed at the entrance of a property and they need to be displayed in a glass casing, and so it is a pretty quick inspection just to make sure that all of those things are in place.

**THE CHAIR:** Is there a cost—there must be a cost to the government for the inspectors to go out. Do you work out what that is and is there a compliance cost for residents?

**Ms Agius:** No.

**THE CHAIR:** Do you know the cost or is it just a part of—

**Ms Agius:** It is a part of our business as usual.

**Mr Gentleman:** Business as usual, yes. So each property of course has to have an asbestos management plan for the property. They have got to provide a copy of that to WorkSafe ACT. They have got to give a copy of the plan to any worker that attends the premises. So it is pretty well regulated.

**THE CHAIR:** Is there a cost to having to regularly update the contamination reports?

**Ms Agius:** Yes, I beg your pardon, Ms Grey has just advised me that there is a cost to updating the contamination report, but I—and the plan, I do not know what they are. That is a cost to the resident.

**THE CHAIR:** Would you be able to take that on notice?

**Ms Agius:** Yes.

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The cost to the property owner for both an initial asbestos contamination report and asbestos management plan is approximately \$400.00. A property owner will need to have their asbestos management plan reviewed every two years. Prices may vary due to structural issues or any other safety hazards identified by the Assessor.

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