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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
9 November 2018

Asked by Tara Cheyne MLA:

In relation to: Number of complaints about sheds – financial year

MS CHEYNE: I take it back; I have got no questions. Sheds: I absolutely support people's right to have a shed on their yards but it does seem to me that there are some cases where people are pushing the boundaries of the sizes of their sheds, and just having a bit of a stroll around Belconnen and some of the suburbs in Belconnen where there are larger blocks, people are taking advantage of having some big sheds, and I will not make any comment about why.

But, Mr Green, have we—do you have—I know that you were not able to give stats at the moment about shipping containers so I suspect you might not be able to give me stats at the moment about sheds, but with shipping containers you were able to say you do get quite a few complaints. Do you get quite a few complaints about sheds?

Mr Green: I can, in fact, in part answer your question from earlier, and as I sort of foreshadowed the way that we have been recording has been different, and we have been recording in a way in terms of a classification unapproved structure. So I would need to go back through every record that we have had in terms of complains around unapproved structure to determine whether that is a shed, another building, a shipping container.

We have made some changes recently from the start of this year. We have had three complaints about shipping containers. So that has probably answered your earlier question.

MS CHEYNE: This financial year?

Mr Green: This financial year from 1 July.

MS CHEYNE: Okay.

Mr Green: And I will need to take on notice the number that we have had in terms of sheds.

Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Access Canberra received 12 complaints about sheds in the 2017-18 financial year.

Access Canberra received 3 complaints about sheds between 1 July 2018 and 15 November 2018.

Access Canberra has resolved 11 of the above complaints.

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By the Minister for Business and Regulatory Services, Gordon Ramsay MLA