



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022**

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on Wednesday, 9 November 2022: Ms Tracy Savage took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**DR PATERSON:** Thank you. In your response to last year's budget estimates report there was a recommendation that said, how does PTG satisfactorily protect vulnerable Canberrans who are under the management of financial management? And it says here that the action managers are generally highly compliant, disallow—removal is extremely low and there is little evidence of financial abuse.

What is the extent of managers removed, if it is extremely low, that means that there is some who are removed and little evidence of financial abuse, again, that is not no evidence? You may not—it is a complicated one, sorry.

**Ms Savage:** No, that is fine, and if possible, with your indulgence, I will take that one on notice.

Ms Tracy Savage: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The *Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991* requires Financial Managers to lodge accounts relating to their financial management with the Public Trustee and Guardian for examination on an annual basis. In 2021-22, after review, two cases out of 362 examinations were reported to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal, resulting in one management arrangement being revoked with the Public Trustee and Guardian (PTG) being appointed as Financial Manager, with the other matter still pending. The PTG has also recorded that an additional 18 External Manager arrangements were revoked due to a failure of the manager to lodge accounts for review despite repeated requests for information through letter, email and where possible phone call. The PTG has been appointed manager in all 18 cases.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

Date:

By the Public Trustee and Guardian, Ms Tracy Savage

