



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Clay, Jo MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: The strategic indicator related to supporting the provision of housing that is equitable, diverse and sustainable has been moved out of EPSDD reporting. Where has it moved to and how is reporting now undertaken.

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Answer Due: 28 February 2025

Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: Thank you. And we are finishing at 10.30. We will try very hard to get one more substantive for each committee member. And I do not know how we will go, but we will try. So brief answers, if we can.

Minister, I want to ask about the evaluation and strategic objectives for the planning system. EPSDD used to have a strategic objective that related to supporting the provision of housing that is equitable, diverse and sustainable. And we could not see that strategic objective in there anymore. Has that been moved to another agency?

It was an objective that EPSDD used to report against, in relation to the ILRP and various other measures.

Mr Green: Ms Clay, I am happy to take that on notice. I think that related to the housing policy work that EPSDD was responsible for.

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Green: There were administrative arrangements made about three years ago that shifted that responsibility to treasury. But we will take that on notice just to—

THE CHAIR: We would love to have that on notice and also whoever has it now, how they are reporting against it, where we would look for the reports? That would be great. Thank you.

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Housing Strategy and Policy transferred to the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 1 January 2023, as a result of changes to Administrative Arrangements.

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) subsequently revised strategic objectives, strategic indicators, output classes and accountability indicators for 2023-24 onwards.

Strategic Objective 4 – Supporting the provision of housing that is equitable, diverse and sustainable, and associated strategic indicators was discontinued by EPSDD in 2023-24. CMTEDD incorporated Housing Policy under their Output Class 4: Financial and Economic Management from 2023-24 onwards.

Housing Strategy accountability indicators were transferred to CMTEDD accordingly and were reported under Output 4.1: Economic Management in CMTEDD's 2023-24 Annual Report Volume 2.1 on pages 138-140.

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By Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development