



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

## Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Finance

Reference: Reassessed Conveyance Duty Concessions - Legislative definitions between ACT and Commonwealth

Hearing: 17/02/2025

In relation to: Reassessed Conveyance Duty Concessions - Legislative definitions  
between ACT and Commonwealth

Question received: 24/02/2025

Answer Due: 04/03/2025

**Mr Cocks:** To ask the Minister for Finance —

1. Why does the ACT Revenue Office come to different decisions regarding status and definition of 'domestic partner', 'separation' 'partner' to Centrelink and the ATO?

1. Do the decisions of Commonwealth institutions aid the decision of the ACT Revenue Office?
2. In place of contradictory decisions between the ACT and the Commonwealth, does the Commonwealth decision prevail?
  - a. If not, what item of legislation allows the ACT to ignore Commonwealth decisions?
3. What is the ACT Revenue Office's interpretation of 'domestic partner'?
  - a. How does this compare to Commonwealth legislation and interpretation?

**Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. These terms are defined at law. The ACT Revenue Office applies ACT laws as determined by the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Finance, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA