



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

Reference: Site investigations

Hearing: 10/02/2025

In relation to: Land and Site investigations and preparation

Question received: 03 April 2025

Answer Due: 11 April 2025

The Suburban Land Agency has overtaken the site investigation work needed to determine the suitability of land for development. This work feeds into the Indicative Land Release Program. Most of these studies were undertaken by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

Why was the responsibility for transferring the site investigation works transferred across to the Suburban Land Agency?

YVETTE BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Director (EPSDD) is responsible for strategic land use planning, including initial investigation and identification of sites to determine development potential. Key components of strategic planning can include land use planning, transport planning, environmental planning, economic development planning, and community engagement.

Where a site is determined suitable for development, in most cases, the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) will be responsible for undertaking further due diligence and planning works to inform and deliver in accordance with the Indicative Land Release Program.

The development and release of land is complex. The transfer of responsibility for site investigation works to the SLA provides a greater continuity of projects through this process, supporting flexibility to resource required works and empowering SLA to derive efficiencies involved in the supply of suitable land to market, whilst maintaining appropriate levels of due diligence to support quality land development.

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