



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2025–2026 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2025–2026

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

In relation to: Biodiversity financing

Hearing: 1 August 2025

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Answer Due: 13 August 2025

Bren Burkevics took on notice the following question(s):

MISS NUTTALL: Okay. Beautiful. There is a tender for biodiversity financing mechanisms for the ACT from last year on the contracts register. Can you confirm whether that was an exploration of private stewardship payments and is it something that you would be able to table?

Mr Burkevics: I will take that on notice.

MISS NUTTALL: Thank you.

Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In 2024 the ACT Government released a tender for a vendor to undertake a literature review and jurisdictional scan of mechanisms in place across Australia to facilitate biodiversity financing and support stewardship of nature. These mechanisms included rate concessions, biodiversity levies rate rebates, market schemes, covenants, related stewardship agreements and grants.

The report from this body of work has been used by the Government to help inform the development of the new ACT Nature Conservation Strategy and other policy considerations. The Government does not have any plans to table or publicly release this document noting it is for internal use only.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

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Signature:

Date: 11/08/25

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Suzanne Orr MLA