



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

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

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

Reference: CED

Hearing: 7 August 2025

In relation to: Local food supply chain study

Question received: 12 August 2025

Answer Due: 19 August 2025

The ACT Government contracted Natural Capital Economics to undertake a study of local food supply chains in the ACT as part of the Local Food Strategy. This contract commenced in January and required the delivery of a final report to government in September 2024.

- (1) Has the report been delivered to government?
- (2) If yes, has the directorate briefed the Minister on the findings and recommendations of the report?
- (3) If no to (2), what is the expected timeframe?
- (4) If yes to (1), can the consultant report be provided on notice to the Committee?
- (5) Are there any further actions currently being delivered under the Local Food Strategy?

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

- (1) Natural Capital Economics was engaged to deliver the Agriculture and Food in the ACT study. The report has been delivered to the Government for consideration.
- (2) I have been briefed on the report and findings.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The report is under consideration by the Government and is therefore not able to be made available to the Committee at this time.

(5) No, due to competing priorities and resource constraints.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

Signature:

Date: 18/08/25

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