



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Homelessness

In relation to: ACT Housing records and Storage costs

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MS CARRICK: So there was 1.37 million in the budget for digitisation, so what exactly will that do and will that be enough to digitise all the records?

Ms Shields: Ms Newman is just making her way to the table. It will not digitise every record, Ms Carrick, that we have currently, but Ms Newman will be able to talk through where that funding will go.

Ms Newman: Thanks, Ms Carrick, for the question. The Housing ACT digitisation and modernisation initiative is over four years. It is providing \$1.347 million to fund a third party to digitise over 25,000 active files, so that might go, Mr Werner-Gibbins, to the number of files that Housing ACT has, and it includes funding also for ongoing data storage costs for those files. The volume of files means that it does need to be outsourced to a suitable vendor, but currently there is no procurement process that is commenced with no preferred provider, but we will be commencing that soon.

MS CARRICK: Okay. Thank you.

MS CASTLEY: Can I just ask the cost of storing the records?

Ms Newman: I am not sure. I would have to take that on notice.

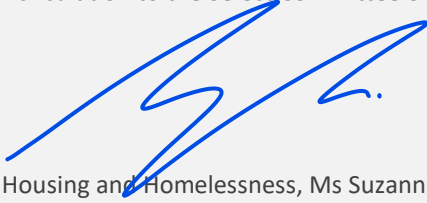
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Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The total spend on file storage for Housing ACT physical records is \$196,766.08 for the 2025-26 financial year.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature:



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Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA