



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2014-2015**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS  
TAMS No.21**

Asked by Giulia Jones MLA on 25 June 2014: Minister for Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question:

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In relation to :

Current policy on horse agistment as development changes in the ACT – if there is any additional information that can be provided.

**MR SHANE RATTENBURY MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- The Territory Plan does not formally recognise a land use zone for “horse paddocks”. The agistment of horses on unleased Territory land is an activity that has evolved over many years as an appropriate interim use of potential “land bank” that may or may not be considered for future development.
- To help promote a more integrated approach to planning and managing existing and future equestrian infrastructure, on 25 May 2014 I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA). This MOU includes a commitment to “undertake work to clarify arrangement for the provision of horse paddocks on Government land for the foreseeable future”.
- There are currently sixteen areas of unleased land incorporating approximately 977 hectares and currently accommodating 343 horses. Each paddock complex supports basic infrastructure established and maintained to facilitate horse agistment. This infrastructure includes paddock fencing, holding yards, water supply, exercise arenas and vehicle access facilities.
- Day-to-day management of the horse complexes is delivered under contract by *Territory Agistment Pty Ltd*. This contract is effectively cost neutral for the government with fees levied from horse owners by the contractor funding the costs of routine maintenance of the horse complexes.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

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By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA