



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

## Answer to question taken on notice (Redirected)

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Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Ms Yvette Berry MLA

Redirected to: Mr Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Support for builders and developers

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Ms Yvette Berry MLA took on notice the following question(s):

**MR CAIN:** Minister, what is the government doing to support our struggling builders and developers because of the delay in building approvals?

**Ms Berry:** Well, I think probably questions in other areas that you might want to consider asking questions, particularly around our skilled workforce, because that has been one of the challenges for construction.

**MR CAIN:** Because of delays in building approvals, not other factors.

**Ms Berry:** That is probably a question for the Planning Minister, I would suggest.

**MR CAIN:** So you are not aware of any plans the government has to help our builders and developers?

**Ms Berry:** Mr Cain, this team is here to as to deliver information to the committee on behalf of the Suburban Land Agency and Treasury, not planning or any issues to do with that and I think the question you have raised is a question for the Minister for Planning.

**THE CHAIR:** This is about housing policy as well, minister.

**MR CAIN:** It is about housing delivery.

**Ms Berry:** Okay, we will take it on notice and if it is for the Minister for Planning, he can provide the answer.

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Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Building approvals are issued by private sector building certifiers. Access Canberra and the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate are not aware of any concerns with delays in the issuing of building approvals. However, broad economic constraints are causing a downturn in the building and construction industry across the country. The Australian Bureau of Statistics' publication on Building Activity for the final quarter of 2024 reveals that there were 1,155 dwellings that have received building approval but have not commenced construction. This is a 10.2% increase on the same period for 2023 and supports the view that broader economic constraints are the predominant issue, not the privately administered building approval process.

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Mr Chris Steel MLA