



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Ms Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

In relation to: ACAT matter

Hearing: 11 February 2025

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Answer Due: 21 February 2025 5.00 pm

Minister Berry took on notice the following question(s):

MR CAIN: Just a quick extra one. So the DA that has been held up in the ACAT is going to take a development from 10 to 30 I think you said. Where is that and what is the name of that or where is it?

Ms Berry: I understand it is being heard in May I think.

MR CAIN: But which property is this in?

Ms Berry: Yarralumla.

MR CAIN: Could you take on notice the details of that case and property?

Ms Berry: Well, we do not have the details.

MR CAIN: Well, you must know the property.

Ms Berry: Well, the Canberra Times has probably got a bit on it.

MR CAIN: Oh minister. Would you take on notice to provide this committee with the details of that case?

Ms Berry: I can. I mean, I generally take the—

MR CAIN: It is a particular property. It is public notice. I am not sure why you are asking me to go to the Canberra Times.

Ms Berry: Mr Cain, I am trying to answer the question. We can take on notice and provide the detail to the committee but I would say it has always been my practice to avoid naming suburbs for the safety of our tenants and particularly detail on suburbs, so that is kept within the committee's

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advice, even though I know it is public. It is my practice to try and keep those addresses not disclosed as much as we possibly can.

MR CAIN: Sorry. You said it is public but you do not want to disclose it.

Ms Berry: No, I am going to disclose it. I have just asked the committee if they can keep it to themselves.

MR CAIN: But it is public. You have already said that.

Ms Berry: Yes, I realise that.

MR CAIN: So why would you ask the committee to keep information to itself that is public information?

Ms Berry: To protect the tenants of public housing.

Minister Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Housing ACT lodged the Development Application with the Territory Planning Authority on 29 August 2024 proposing the demolition of existing structures and the construction of 30 dwellings on Housing ACT owned site in Yarralumla.

On 1 November 2024, the Territory Planning Authority approved the Development Application.

On 28 November 2024, an application to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) was made to review the decision.

On 13 January 2025, the Tribunal joined the Commissioner for Social Housing as a party to the proceedings.

Further details of the proceedings cannot be provided as the matter is before ACAT.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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