



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Attorney-General

In relation to: Attorney-General and real estate advertisement policy reforms

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Ms Tara Cheyne MLA took on notice the following question(s):

MR EMERSON: Thank you, chair. Real estate listings. Different topic. Often real estate websites like Homes, Domain, wherever else properties show price withheld before auction as well as after the sale, the Victorian government's introduced legislation, you have probably seen that, that would require agents to publish a reserve price at least seven days before any auction or sale, as well as making the sold price public thereafter, so buyers can actually see what the homes in their area are worth. Is this something the ACT government is looking at or working on any policy reforms related to how real estate is advertised?

Ms Cheyne: I think so, or yes.

Mr Ng: Emerson perhaps tangentially working in that space. The broader work in the residential tenancies reform space has been focused on implementation of National Cabinet commitment to the better deal for renters so that had a range of commitments on there, including intended strengthen renters rights, one of—

Ms Cheyne: You are talking about real estate sales?

Mr Ng: Sales rather than rental. Indeed. Sorry, Mr Emerson. I withdraw my contribution then. What I was going to say was that the work in the residential tenancy space around renters information when they submit their rental history and applications for rental properties, we are doing a bit of working that space to better protect that information and so that is the national cabinet work. I misheard your question.

MR EMERSON: No, that is okay.

Ms Cheyne: Real estate listings—

MR EMERSON: I was not sure—

Ms Cheyne: So although residential tenancy work is this portfolio, real estate listings probably starts to dovetail into Access Canberra as the regulator.

MR EMERSON: I was not sure it would be fair trading; I am not quite sure.

Ms Cheyne: Yes. And if I am wrong about that, I will let you before they appear, so I

do not waste your time.

MR EMERSON: Okay. Thank you. Okay. That would be great, yes, just interested if it is under consideration or perhaps might be in the future.

Ms Cheyne: How about I just take that on notice just in case we do not get to it.

MR EMERSON: Yes, sure. Okay. Thank you.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government is not currently working on reforms to introduce a requirement to publish a reserve price ahead of an auction taking place nor is it considering a requirement to require publication after the property is sold.

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Signature:



By the Attorney-General, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA

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