



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 Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Jo Whitfield, CEO

Redirected to: Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations

In relation to: Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority and Provide Report –
review of legislation

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Jo Whitfield, CEO took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: So this may not apply, but—it will come to me, and I will come back to that. When was the last time the rates of the levy on the new construction project was reviewed?

Ms Whitfield: As I understand it, it has been the same since the legislation was put in place. So in 1999, the legislation took effect. So it has always been 0.2 per cent of 1 per cent of the value of the project over \$10,000. We have had a review undertaken of our legislation by a consultant and the report was prepared about two years ago now and so we are anticipating that our legislation could be updated potentially at some point next year. As I understand that the value of that levy will remain unchanged that was not up for speculation however the value at which it kicks in will change. So \$10,000 is not a lot of spend on a building project. So the base threshold—

THE CHAIR: Threshold would increase.

Ms Whitfield: Exactly.

THE CHAIR: Would you be comfortable providing that report? Is there in confidence—

Ms Whitfield: It was provided to myself and the board in confidence from ACT government. I can also take that on notice and ask if that can be provided.

Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Answer:

The report on the independent review of the *Building and Construction Industry Training Levy Act 1999* (the Act) forms part of current Cabinet deliberations in relation to possible amendments to the Act.

I am advised that releasing the report at this time would be premature as it could prejudice Cabinet's consideration and put at risk imminent stakeholder consultation on possible amendments to the Act.

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

Signature:



Date: 4.8.26

By the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations, Michael Pettersson MLA