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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder, MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Government Services and Regulatory Reform

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THE CHAIR: I have a quick supplementary and Ms Orr has too. So, you aim to do two inspections. How many are you actually achieving?

Mr Mangeruca: In terms of actual numbers of inspections that were conducted by that team, I would have to take that aspect on notice.

THE CHAIR: If you are indicating that, what proportion of them is that? You know, if you are aiming to do two and there is 3000 jobs to inspect, how many did you actually do and what proportion?

Mr Mangeruca: As Mr Lhuede pointed out, we are—we undertake 100 per cent rates. In relation to class two buildings there is 100 per cent review rate and the aim is to visit all of those sites at least two times. In terms of how many inspections were actually undertaken, I will need to take that question on notice.

THE CHAIR: Yes, that's the question I'm after.

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

Two inspections per site is a target that Access Canberra have applied to the inspection of Class two building sites over the life of the building project.

There is some complexity in reporting annually on to the number of inspections undertaken against the number of active building approvals. Most larger apartment buildings have multiple Building Approvals (BA) which relate to different stages of work, for example the base building work, Tower A, Tower B etc. These staged BA's may be for the same building project at a single site location, and the entire project, and hence the BA will span multiple years. As such, the two inspections could occur over three years.

In the 2023-24 Financial Year (FY) Access Canberra undertook 43 site inspections of Class 2 buildings under active construction in the ACT. During this time period, 35 sites received one inspection (which could have been a first or second inspection), and four sites received two inspections. The remaining sites which have received one inspection will be subject to a second inspection as the construction progresses through the life of the building approval.

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By the Minister for Government Service and Regulatory Reform, Ms Tara Cheyne, MLA