



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Cain, Peter MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Heritage

In relation to: When was the change of ownership of Coggan's Bakery and who is the new owner?

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Heritage took on notice the following question(s):

Mr Steel: I understand there has been a change of ownership in relatively recent times here as well. Access Canberra has also been engaged directly with the new owner and they also have separate enforcement powers to the powers under the Heritage Act, so there has been engagement and meetings with government about remedying those issues.

MR CAIN: What is the holdup? What is the issue?

Mr Steel: The first point to address the issue would be through engagement, and that is the point we are at at the moment where meetings have been held in relation to that.

MR CAIN: Are you suggesting the owner is not cooperating with the Heritage Council?

Mr Steel: No, but I think the meetings have only just happened where that first stage of engagement has been happening.

MR CAIN: When was the change of ownership?

Mr Steel: I cannot answer that question, but we might be able to take it on notice. It will probably be in the land titles. That was my understanding.

THE CHAIR: I just want to confirm was that taken on notice?all as

Mr Steel: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Excellent. Taken on notice.

MR CAIN: Are you able to identify the owners of heritage properties?

Ms Russell: Yes, and we have gone through that process recently where we write to the Commissioner of Revenue. There is a process under the Heritage Act where we can seek current owner details.

MR CAIN: Are you able to provide that information to this committee?

Ms Russell: I will seek advice on that, but I would anticipate that the Information Privacy Act provisions may potentially—

MR CAIN: Sure. If you take that on notice, thank you.

Mr Ponton: Potentially we can provide it to the committee. The committee can ask for all sorts of information. There is then what the committee does with it, of course. If there were some privacy considerations in providing that, we would probably note that to the committee. We have done that in the past.

THE CHAIR: I think we will be happy to have the question taken on notice, and then you answer in whichever form you will, and we will take it on further if we need to take it on further from there, is probably the simplest way.

Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Heritage: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

A transfer of the crown lease of Block 1 Section 28 Braddon to Braddon Mort St Pty Ltd was registered on 12 December 2024.

Section 118A of the *Heritage Act 2004* sets out that the Commissioner for ACT Revenue must provide heritage owner details to the ACT Heritage Council (the Council) on request, including the name of a person and their address.

The Council may request this information where: it may, or must, give notice to a person under the *Heritage Act 2004*; or where the Council intends taking action under the *Heritage Act 2004* which affects a person and the person is otherwise uncontactable.

This provision therefore applies to a range of heritage functions, including where the Council is considering the issue of the Heritage Direction under Section 62 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, or the issue of a Repair Damage Direction under Section 67A of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

Where the Council holds heritage owner information, it is managed in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2014* and is not used or disclosed for any purpose other than that for which it was obtained.

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Signature:



By Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Heritage

Date:

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