



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services

Redirected to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: WWVP Scheme – online verification

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MS CARRICK: I would just like to add to what Mr Emerson is saying, that currently in the ACT you can put your rego number in and within seconds it comes up currently registered or not registered. And I have just done it for my own, and luckily it is registered, but it just took a matter of seconds. So, with the Working with Vulnerable People card, like, if somebody shows up with their card and then they can put the number in, registered or not. So, the technology is there already, and it is very simple. And as far as privacy goes, you do not have to say who the person is. You know, if they have their card with their face and the number, you just put the number in and see if the number is registered. So, you know, perhaps you can check with Access Canberra how simple it could be to do it.

Ms Orr: Ms Carrick, I believe we have already said we will take on notice and check in with Access Canberra around some information. I do not know if they have already appeared. If they have not already appeared it could also be something you raise with them when they are here.

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

Providing a mechanism for employers to verify registration is an issue about which the Government is aware. The legislation governing the Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) scheme is an area of reform that government is progressing, which will consider consequences including the design and implementation of a fit-for-purpose verification mechanism.

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Areas of the Act that would be considered regarding a verification mechanism include –

- Secrecy provisions in section 65 of the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* (the Act) which limit Access Canberra's ability to disclose protected information, including information about a person's WWVP registration status.
- The narrow scope for when information may be disclosed subject to the provisions of sections 63A and 63C of the Act. Section 63A limits disclosure to certain prescribed entities (e.g. the ACT Education Directorate and the Ombudsman). Section 63C limits disclosure to employers associated with the registrant and prescribes who is an associated employer.
- How to balance the need to keep the Scheme a portable check that enables the worker to have one card but work across many employers. This is really an important aspect of the scheme, noting that many care and support workers work across many employers and services.

However, notwithstanding the current restrictions and whilst it would be premature to commit to any particular measure for validation, this matter is within the scope of the future WWVP scheme review.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:



By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne

Date:

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