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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



ALISTAIR COE MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Chief Minister, Treasurer and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Economic Development Strategy and Program Design

In relation to: Administrative Arrangements

1. What work has been conducted with EPSD to create the Indicative Land Release program 2016/17 to 2019/20?
 - a. Why is the program developed through CMTEDD instead of EPSDD?
 - b. Who is the responsible minister for land release programs?
 - c. Please provide an outline of the reports the directorate produced on land and property trends.
 - i. Why weren't these reports conducted by the LDA directly or by EPSD?
2. Please provide an explanation of the reviews of the Affordable Housing Action Plans.
 - a. How have the phases and/or objectives been revised?
3. What involvement does the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development in developing the Affordable Housing strategy?

YVETTE BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) was consulted in the development of the Indicative Land Release Program 2016-17 to 2019-20 including the inclusion and timing of release for particular sites and the overall quantum of residential, commercial, industrial and community land releases.
 - a. In 2011, the Hawke Review recommended the establishment of an Economic Development entity that incorporated many of the functions of the previous Department of Land and Property Services, including responsibility for land release. The land release function shifted from Economic Development to EPSDD on 1 July 2017.
 - b. The Minister for Planning and Land Management is responsible for the development of land release programs, working with the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development in relation to affordable, social and community land release targets under the CRASLA Act.
 - c. Strategy and Program Design produced a land and property report in February 2017 and June 2017. The reports focused on future land supply and the wider property market.

EPSDD will continue to produce and make public a quarterly report – the September 2017 report is now available at: <http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/land-release>

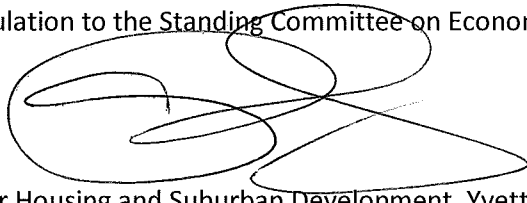
- i. The reports were produced to support evidence based policy around land release – a key responsibility for Strategy and Program Design.
2. The ACT Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan (the Plan) was developed in three phases, containing 97 objectives in total, with each phase focused on different areas of the affordable housing spectrum:
 - Phase one commenced in 2007 and included 63 initiatives to provide more affordable housing and rental accommodation for Canberrans;
 - Phase two commenced in 2009 and introduced a further 21 initiatives designed to increase the supply of affordable housing for older Canberrans and to address homelessness; and
 - Phase three was launched in 2012 and contained 14 new initiatives to increase the supply of affordable rentals, improve utilisation of land in established suburbs and expand the mix of affordable properties for sale.

A progress report on Phase one was released in 2008 and a final progress report on Phases one and two was released in 2011. Regular progress reports on Phase three were prepared for internal use within Government. A further internal review of all three Phases was conducted in 2017 to identify key actions that may be best suited to achieving affordable housing for targeted households in greatest need.

- a. The progress reports on Phases one and two informed the development of Phase three of the Plan. As an example of how the Plan was revised over time, the final progress report on Phases one and two explains that two initiatives were withdrawn due to market circumstances. The Government is now using all the information gathered through these reviews and progress reports to inform the development of a new affordable housing strategy.
3. The Minister for Housing and Suburban Development is leading the development of the new Affordable Housing Strategy.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry