



Speaker

Mr Mark Parton MLA
Chair
Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
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Dear Mr Parton

Please find attached responses to questions taken on notice Nos 67 and 68 on 21 July 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joy Burch".

Joy Burch MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

26 July 2023



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Cain MLA on 21 July 2023: Mr Duncan took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: What portion of the office's budget is allocated towards progressing the digital transformation agenda?

Mr Duncan: I think we would have to take that on notice, Mr Cain.

The Speaker: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Office does not have a specific budget allocation for digital transformation. The significant investment in our new Parliamentary Portal has been completed following the allocation of \$563,000 in the 2018-19 budget and the ongoing digital transformation activities are managed from within our existing budget.

In 2022-23, the Office continued to build upon the existing functionality of the Parliamentary Portal, by completing the following projects:

- Configuration of the Questions website and associated data migration
- Migration of the e-Petitions website and data to the portal
- Migration of the live web stream and Assembly on Demand recording services to the portal.

In 2023-24, the Office will focus on completing the Committee module and upgrading the public website functionality including migrating the 10th Assembly committee data to the portal. The Office aims to complete its evaluation of the Hansard and Chamber workflow processes with a view to migrating and automating those functions in the future.

These investments will optimise integration between our parliamentary workflow processes, maximise the integrity and usefulness of the parliamentary information we provide to the public."

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By the Speaker, Ms Joy Burch MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Clay MLA on: Ms Burch took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS CLAY: Sure. Just to sort of clarify, our electricity is zero emissions already, so when you say that it is a challenge for an old building to get to zero emissions, do you mean actually replacing gas is not feasible?

Ms Burch: Well I think it the electric use. So a number of years ago, we went through and changed our lighting systems so that was more efficient. We have double-glazed our windows so the heating effort, so to speak, is more efficient. But I am happy to take on notice, if we have got—because I know a consistent theme has been “Do different agencies have a climate management plan?”

So, you know, whether Rachel could talk to that straight away or we can bring back what it is.

MS CLAY: Maybe take it on notice.

Ms Burch: Happy to take it on notice.

MS CLAY: Probably the really useful question to take on notice is, “In your asset management plan, are you going to make sure that when you are replacing that gas, you are replacing that with electric.” For instance, that might be a very useful question to take on notice.

The Speaker: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows: –

Commencing in 2002 and updated in 2018, the Office of the Legislative Assembly (Office) has in place a program of undertaking condition and lifecycle assessments of key portfolio assets which is detailed in a Strategic Asset Lifecycle Plan (SALP).

Captured within this SALP is the Office’s only gas fired item – a boiler – which provides heating to the Assembly building. This boiler was installed in 2013 and according to the SALP is marked for review and replacement from 2028 onward.

The Office is committed to meeting emissions targets set across government. When the gas-powered boiler reaches its asset end of life towards the end of the decade, steps will be taken to ensure renewable energy heating options are considered as a priority.

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