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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Suburban Land Development

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In relation to: Land valuation services paid for by ACT Government

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**THE CHAIR:** I can see the ACT government have paid Colliers and CBRE \$50,000 for valuation services. Is this for the valuation of future Parkwood land or for the purchase of more properties over the border?

**Mr Lee:** We might take that on notice. We engage a panel of valuers across all of our developments, so I would not want to provide the committee with inaccurate information, so I am happy to take that on notice and provide information back.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. Perhaps you might know, or take on notice, have you received those valuations for those sites?

**Mr Lee:** For the Parkwood acquisitions? Yes, absolutely.

**THE CHAIR:** You have. Are you able to table the findings?

**Mr Lee:** The findings of the valuation? So we can look at what can be released. Information within valuation reports, there is a bit of IP, intellectual property, around that. I am happy to take that and consider what can be released.

**THE CHAIR:** Are you seeking advice or are you claiming confidentiality?

**Mr Lee:** Some of the information will be commercial-in-confidence.

**THE CHAIR:** So if there is a claim of confidentiality, parliamentary privilege overrides this claim to manage these situations. The Assembly has passed continuing resolution 8B that uses a public interest test. Minister, is it your view that it is in the public interest to withhold this information?

**Ms Berry:** I do not know what the information is at the moment, Ms Lawder, so I think what we will do is see what the information is, and then we will go through the appropriate processes if that is okay with the committee. I guess we just have to get advice on what the information is, and if there is a—

**THE CHAIR:** And if you are claiming confidentiality, you need to specify the harm that may be to the public interest.

**Ms Berry:** We will do all those things once I know what it is that we are looking at.

**Mr Davey:** If I may just to clarify, the information you are seeking is those two valuers specifically to if they provided valuations on Parkwood, just so we get the right ones because we do use a range of valuers, sometimes the same ones for different reasons, so I just want to make sure we are clear on what we are looking at.

**Ms Berry:** I guess to confirm, we are not seeking confidentiality. We are seeking advice, and then we will confirm whether or not we need to seek confidentiality.

**MINISTER BERRY:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Yes - the valuation services were undertaken for potential future acquisitions of Parkwood land.

Valuations for the acquisition of one of these properties are published under the *Government Agencies (Land Acquisition Reporting) Act 2018* and are available publicly on the ACT Planning website: <https://www.planning.act.gov.au/professionals/land-release-sales/government-land-acquisition-reports>. These valuations contain redactions of the Valuer's proprietary Information.

As per resolution Continuing resolution 8B - Public interest immunity in the Standing Orders, the remaining valuations have not been published as the acquisitions of the remaining properties are not complete. It is not in the public interest to make available the valuations of land where the acquisition has not been completed and is still subject to negotiation.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA