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**Schedule of Public Hearings**

**Inquiries into ACT Budget 2022-23**

Friday 12 August 2022 – Friday 2 September 2022  
*(updated 25 August 2022)*

The ACT Budget 2022–23 was presented on Tuesday 2 August 2022 and then published by ACT Government on the [Treasury website](#).

The Select Committee on Estimates 2022-23 will hold hearings with ACT Government Ministers and officials from Monday 22 August to Friday 2 September 2022.

Hearings with community and industry groups was held on Friday 12 August 2022.

The hearings will be open to the public, alternatively you can [watch proceedings live](#), or later, via [Assembly on Demand](#).

[Hansard transcripts](#) will be published in the week following each hearing.

The Committee is to report two weeks after its last public hearing has been held or the date when the last answer to a question taken on notice or question on notice has been received, whichever is the later.

**DAY 1 – Friday 12 AUGUST 2022**  
**Community and Industry Group Hearing**

Indicative Time	Community or Industry Group Name
10:00am – 10:30am	ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Gemma Killen, Head of Policy</li> </ul>
10:30am – 10:50am	Canberra Business Chamber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Graham Catt, Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul>
10:50am – 1:00pm	<i>Break</i>
1:00pm – 1:20pm	Multicultural Association of Canberra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nishi Puri</li> </ul>
1:20pm – 1:40pm	Advocacy for Inclusion (via telephone) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Wallace</li> <li>• Nicolas Lawler, Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul>

CLOSE 1:40pm

## Day 2 – Monday 22 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00 am – 10.30 am 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Minister for Skills</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Canberra Institute of Technology Skilled migration State Training Authority Vocational education and training <u>Major Projects Canberra</u> Delivery of the Canberra Institute of Technology campus redevelopment

BREAK 10.30am – 11.00am (30 mins)

11.00 am – 12.00 noon 1 hour	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Minister for Skills</b>	<i>Continued from above</i>
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BREAK 12.00 noon – 1.00pm (1 hour)

1.00pm – 3.00pm 2 hours	<b>Berry</b>	<b>Minister for Education and Youth Affairs</b>	<u>Education Directorate</u> Board of Senior Secondary Studies Government and non-government schools Home education Schools education Teacher Quality Institute <u>Community Services Directorate</u> Youth Advisory Council Youth affairs policy Youth InterACT engagement, scholarships, and grants <i>Continued on 25 August</i>
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BREAK 3.00pm – 3.15pm (15 mins)

## Day 2 – Monday 22 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
3.15pm – 4.45pm 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Rattenbury</b>	<b>Minister for Consumer Affairs</b>  <b>Minister for Gaming</b>	<u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> Fair trading policy relating to Australian consumer law, fuel prices and licensing motor vehicle repairers Policy relating to retirement villages, egg labelling, sale of goods and uncollected goods Policy relating to the licensing of agents, hawkers, pawnbrokers, motor vehicle dealers, second-hand dealers and x-films Gaming policy <u>Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> Club buildings energy efficiency fund
4.45pm – 6.00pm 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Stephen-Smith</b>	<b>Minister for Families and Community Services</b>	<u>Community Services Directorate</u> Children and young people protection policy and services Children, youth and family policy and support services Community sector policy and services Community sector reform Safe and Connected Youth

CLOSE 6.00pm

## Day 3 – Tuesday 23 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00am – 10.15am 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Berry</b>	<b>Minister for Sport and Recreation</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Aquatic facilities management Community sports infrastructure Sport and recreation  <u>Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate</u> Sports ground management
10.15am -11.15am 1 hour	<b>Berry</b>	<b>Minister for Women</b>  <b>Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence</b>	<u>Community Services Directorate</u> Women’s affairs policy and services Family Safety (Coordinator-General) Domestic Violence Agencies

BREAK 11.15am – 11.30am (15 mins)

11.30am – 12.00 noon 30 mins	<b>Stephen-Smith</b>	<b>Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs</b>	<u>Community Services Directorate</u> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs policy and services Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body secretariat
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## Day 3 – Tuesday 23 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
12 noon – 1.00pm 1 hour	<b>Stephen-Smith</b>	<b>Minister for Health</b>	<p><u>ACT Health Directorate</u>                      Acute health policy                      Aged care and rehabilitation policy                      Cancer policy                      Child health development                      Commissioning health services                      Community health policy and programs (excluding justice health)                      Digital health                      Drug and alcohol policy                      Health protection                      Health system policy, planning and performance monitoring                      Local hospital network arrangements                      Medical and health research policy and programs                      Population health                      Regulation of health services</p> <p><u>Canberra Health Services</u>                      Health services and facilities operated by the ACT Government</p> <p><u>Major Projects Canberra</u>                      Delivery of the Canberra Hospital Expansion</p>

BREAK 1.00pm – 2.00pm (1 hour)

2.00pm – 3.30pm 1 hours 30 mins	<b>Stephen-Smith</b>	<b>Minister for Health</b>	<i>Continued from above</i>
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BREAK 3.30pm – 3.45pm (15 mins)

3.45pm – 5.00pm 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Stephen-Smith</b>	<b>Minister for Health</b>	<i>Continued from above</i>
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CLOSE 5.00pm

## Day 4 – Wednesday 24 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00am – 9.30am 30 mins		<b>Solicitor-General for the ACT</b>	
9.30am -10.00am 30 mins		<b>Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	
10.00am – 10.30pm 30 mins		<b>Legal Aid ACT</b>	

BREAK 10.30am – 10.45am (15 mins)

10.45am – 11.15am 30 mins		<b>ACT Ombudsman</b>	
11.15am – 11.45am 30 mins		<b>Inspector of Integrity Commission</b>	
11.45am – 12.15 pm 30 mins		<b>Integrity Commission</b>	
12.15pm – 1.00pm 45 mins		<b>Public Trustee and Guardian</b>	

BREAK 1.00pm – 1.45 pm (45 minutes)

## Day 4 – Wednesday 24 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
1.45pm – 3.30 pm 1 hour 45 mins	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Minister for Justice Health</b>  <b>Minister for Mental Health</b>	<u>Canberra Health Services</u> Justice Health Mental health services, facilities and programs operated by the ACT <u>ACT Health Directorate</u> Mental health (Coordinator-General) Mental health policy

BREAK 3.30pm – 3.45pm (15 mins)

3.45pm-5.45pm 2 hours	<b>Rattenbury</b>	<b>Attorney-General</b>	<u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> Administration of justice Civil and criminal law Justice reinvestment Policy relating to incorporation of associations Policy relating to liquor Policy relating to sex work Policy relating to security Policy relating to the registration of deeds and charitable collections Policy relating to the registration of land titles and tenancies Reducing recidivism Restorative justice Sentence Administration Board
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CLOSE 5.45pm



## Day 5 – Thursday 25 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00am – 10.30am 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Minister for Transport and City Services</b>	<u>Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate</u> Active travel (including road crossing supervision) Autonomous vehicle policy Community transport Footpaths Mowing and verge maintenance Municipal services Neighbourhood democracy projects Parking policy Policy relating to transport regulation and safety Public space amenity Recycling and waste policy (including clinical waste policy) Roads and bridges Stormwater Transport Canberra Transport planning and reform <u>Major Projects Canberra</u> Delivery of the City to Woden light rail project and finalisation of the Gungahlin to the City light rail project  <i>Continued on 26 August</i>

BREAK 10.30am – 10.45am (15 mins)

10.45am – 12 noon 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Cheyne</b>	<b>Minister for the Arts Minister for Multicultural Affairs</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Art and cultural policy and services Community arts facilities Cultural Facilities Corporation <u>Major Projects Canberra</u> Delivery of the Canberra Theatre Centre redevelopment project <u>Community Services Directorate</u> Multicultural affairs policy and services
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BREAK 12.00 noon – 1.00pm (1 hour)

## Day 5 – Thursday 25 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
1.00pm – 2.00pm 1 hour	<b>Berry</b>	<b>Minister for Education and Youth Affairs</b>	<i>Continued from 22 August</i>
2.00pm – 3.30pm 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Cheyne</b>	<b>Minister for Business and Better Regulation</b>	<p><u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u>            Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business development            Access Canberra (exception in relation to planning development, land and lease regulation)            Better Regulation Taskforce,            Business advocacy and liaison            Business development,            Choose CBR            Construction, building and utilities regulation *            Controlled Sports registration, inspection, notifications and regulatory services*            Environmental protection, water regulation, and clinical waste controller*            Electricity and natural gas, water and sewerage industry technical regulation*            Fair trading and registration, inspection and regulatory services (including transport regulation and licensing)*            Food safety licensing and regulation*            Improving ease of doing business with government            Occupational licensing*            Public unleased land regulation (permits)*            Racing and gaming regulation*            Registration of civil unions, domestic relationships and parentage*            Small business            * this is a matter relating to Access Canberra (see <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i>, s 21 (8), def <b>relevant matter</b>, par (b)). The Minister for Business and Better Regulation is the responsible minister for Access Canberra for this relevant matter (see <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i>, s 21 (8), def <b>responsible minister</b>)</p> <p><i>Continued 1 September</i></p>

BREAK 3.30 – 3.45pm (15 mins)

## Day 5 – Thursday 25 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
3.45pm – 5.30pm 1 hour 45 mins	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services</b>  <b>Minister for Veterans and Seniors</b>  <b>Minister for Disability</b>	<u>Community Services Directorate</u> Carers Strategy and policy Community recovery and emergency relief Volunteering statement and policy Youth justice policy and services (including Bimberi)  Seniors and ageing policy Veterans  Disability inclusion and participation Disability policy Disability reform and services Senior Practitioner for the reduction and elimination of restrictive practices

CLOSE 5.30pm

## Day 6 – Friday 26 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00am – 10.30am 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Minister for Transport and City Services</b>	<i>Continued from 25 August</i>

BREAK 10.30am – 10.45am (15 mins)

10.45am – 12.15pm 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Special Minister of State</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Access to government information ACT Insurance Authority Audit policy Chief Digital Officer, Digital and Data Strategy, including Cyber security Community facilities charging policy Community facilities property services Government accommodation and property services (including facility management and operations for Venues Canberra) Insurance policy (including Motor Accident Injury Insurance and lifetime care and support scheme) Procurement Shared services, including transactional services and ICT services <u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> Electoral policy Racing policy <i>Continued on 30 August</i>
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BREAK 12.15pm – 1.15pm (1 hour)

1.15pm – 2.00 pm 45 mins	<b>Stephen-Smith</b>	<b>Minister for Health</b>	<b>Call back session</b>
2.00pm – 3.00pm 1 hour	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Minister for Transport and City Services</b>	<b>Call back session</b>

CLOSE 3.00pm

## Day 7 – Monday 29 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
8.45am – 10.45am (2 hours)	<b>Barr</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Borrowing, funds management and infrastructure finance Budget process and financial reporting Concessions Directions relating to authorisation thresholds for land acquisition by the City Renewal Authority or Suburban Land Agency Fiscal and economic strategy and policy Government business enterprises Infrastructure policy frameworks and coordination of infrastructure planning Jobs for Canberrans Revenue Office, including administration of rental bonds Taxation and revenue policy <u>Major Projects Canberra</u> Chief engineer Delivery of physical capital works projects in coordination with government agencies Direct delivery of designated major capital works projects

BREAK 10.45am – 11.15am (30 mins)

11.15am- 1.45pm 2 hours 30 mins	<b>Barr</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Continued from above with addition of the following:</i>  <u>Icon Water Limited</u>  <u>Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission</u>
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Break 1.45pm- 2.45pm (1 hour)

## DAY 7 – Monday 29 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
2.45pm – 3.30pm 45 mins	<b>Cheyne</b>	<b>Assistant Minister for Economic Development</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> ACT events fund Advanced technologies Community events Creative industries Key industry capability area sector development Manufacturing Science Screen Canberra
3.30pm – 4.30pm 1 hour	<b>Rattenbury</b>	<b>Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction</b>	<u>Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> Climate change policy Energy policy and energy efficiency programs (including zero emissions vehicle policy) Sustainability of government services and assets Water efficiency programs Water policy
4.30pm- 5.30pm 1 hour	<b>Gentleman</b>	<b>Minister for Policing and Emergency Services</b>	<u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> Policing policy and ACT Policing

CLOSE 5.30pm

## DAY 8 – Tuesday 30 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.30am – 11.00am 1 hour 30 minutes	<b>Steel</b>	<b>Special Minister of State</b>	<i>Continued from 26 August</i>

BREAK 11am to 12.45pm (1 hour 45 mins)

12.45pm – 3.00pm 2 hour 15 mins	<b>Barr</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<u>Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> ACT Public Service Chief Minister’s Charitable Fund and philanthropy encouragement Commissioner for International Engagement (including sister city agreements, local diplomatic and consular liaison, inbound and outbound trade mission delivery, trade and export growth) Communication and community engagement Diversity and equal opportunity Enterprise Bargaining Government strategy and policy Integrity policy Intergovernmental relations and engagement with capital cities and the Canberra Region LGBTIQ+ affairs, policy and services National Cabinet and the National Federation Reform Council National Security Social inclusion and equality policy Support to Cabinet Wellbeing framework
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Break 3.00pm – 3.15pm (15 mins)

## DAY 8 – Tuesday 30 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
3.15pm – 4.30pm 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Barr</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<u>Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Continued from earlier <u>Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> City Renewal Authority Suburban Land Agency (as it relates to declared urban renewal sites)
4.30pm – 5.30 pm 1 hour	<b>Barr</b>	<b>Minister for Climate Action</b>	<u>Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Big Canberra Battery Climate Action (Coordinator-General) Climate change adaptation and resilience Sustainable household package

CLOSE 5.30pm



## DAY 9 – WEDNESDAY 31 August 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
8.45am – 10.45am 2 hours	<b>Barr</b>	<b>Minister for Economic Development</b>  <b>Minister for Tourism</b>	<p><b><u>Economic Development:</u></b> Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</p> <p>Brand Canberra            Canberra Economic Recovery Advisory Group            Elite sporting performance and venue agreements            Event attraction            Future Jobs Fund (and Priority Investment Fund)            Implementation and delivery of economic objectives and economic recovery            Innovation policy and CBR Innovation Network            International education (including Study Canberra)            Investment facilitation and attraction            Special Events Fund            Strategic infrastructure projects (including Academy of Interactive Entertainment, UNSW, and Venues Canberra infrastructure upgrades)            University and research policy</p> <p><b><u>Tourism:</u></b> Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</p> <p>Aviation industry development            Major events (Floriade, Enlighten, Innovation Festival)            Tourism policy            Visit Canberra</p>

BREAK 10.45am – 11.45am (1 hour)

11.45am- 12.15pm 30 mins		<b>ACT Electoral Commission</b>	
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BREAK 12.15pm – 1.30pm (1 hour 15 mins)

## Day 9 – Wednesday 31 August 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
1.30pm – 2.30 pm 1 hour	<b>Vassarotti</b>	<b>Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services</b>	<u>Community Services Directorate</u> Homelessness services Housing services
2.30pm – 3.00pm 30 mins		<b>Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment</b>	
BREAK 3.00pm – 3.15pm (15 mins)			
3.15pm- 3.45pm 30 mins	<b>Vassarotti</b>	<b>Minister for Heritage</b>	<u>Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> Heritage
3.45pm – 4.15 pm 30 mins		<b>ACT Audit Office</b>	

CLOSE 4.15 pm

## Day 10 – Thursday 1 September 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00am – 9.30am 30 mins		<b>Inspector of Corrective Services</b>	
9.30am – 10.45am 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Gentleman</b>	<b>Minister for Corrections</b>	<u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> Corrective services

BREAK 10.45am to 11.00am (15 mins)

11.00am-11.50am 50 mins	<b>Gentleman</b>	<b>Minister for Policing &amp; Emergency Services</b>	<u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> Bushfire and other natural disaster resilience and response Emergency management and the Emergency Services Agency (ACT Fire and Rescue, ACT Ambulance Service, State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service)
11.50am-12.40pm 50 mins	<b>Gentleman</b>	<b>Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety</b>	<u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> ACT Public Sector Workers Compensation (including self-insurance) Private sector industrial relations and workers compensation Secure local jobs code Work health and safety policy Work health and safety regulation (including the Office of the Work Health and Safety Commissioner)

BREAK 12.40pm – 1.30pm (50 mins)

1.30pm to 3.00pm 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Gentleman</b>	<b>Minister for Planning and Land Management</b>	<u>Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> Government architect Land release policy (including the land release program) Parks and Conservation Planning and development Planning and development enforcement policy Site identification and facilitation for major land and property projects Strategic land use Survey and leasing <u>Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate</u> Access Canberra (only in relation to planning, development, land and lease regulation) Planning, development, land and lease regulation
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## Day 10 – Thursday 1 September 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
3.00pm to 3.45pm 45 mins		<b>Human Rights Commission</b>	

BREAK 3.45pm to 4.00pm (15 mins)

4.00pm – 4.45pm 45 mins	<b>Cheyne</b>	<b>Minister for Human Rights</b>	<u>Justice and Community Safety Directorate</u> ACT Human Rights Commission Human rights and anti-discrimination policy Policy relating to births, deaths, parentage, marriages, civil unions, domestic relationships, voluntary assisted dying/end of life Victims of Crime Commissioner
4.45pm – 6.15pm 1 hour 30 mins	<b>Cheyne</b>	<b>Minister for Business and Better Regulation</b>	<i>Continued from 25 August</i>

CLOSE 6.15pm

## Day 11 – Friday 2 September 2022

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
9.00am – 11.00am 2 hours	<b>Vassarotti</b>	<b>Minister for the Environment</b>	<u>Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> Agriculture Biodiversity policy Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Conservation and promotion of native flora and fauna Environment protection policy Native animal welfare Pest, weed and feral animal management policy Support to the Conservator of Flora and Fauna Urban agriculture policy

BREAK 11.00am– 11.15am (15 mins)

11.15am – 12.30 pm 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Vassarotti</b>	<b>Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction</b>	<u>Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u> Asbestos Response Taskforce Building and construction industry liaison Building code of Australia ACT appendix Building policy Building quality Living infrastructure projects Universal design standards
12.30pm- 1.00pm 30 mins		<b>Office of the Legislative Assembly</b>	

BREAK 1.00pm – 2.00pm (1 hour)

## Day 11 – Friday 2 September 2022 *continued*

Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Matters under Administrative Arrangements
2.00pm – 3.00pm 1 hour	<b>Berry</b>	<b>Minister for Early Childhood Development</b>	<p><u>Education Directorate</u></p> <p>Early childhood development and education (including early childhood education and care regulated services; preschool programs; and Koori preschool programs)</p> <p><u>Community Services Directorate</u></p> <p>Child and Family Centres Child development service Childhood early intervention and development policy Childhood early intervention and development services</p>

BREAK 3.00pm – 3.15pm (15 mins)

3.15pm – 5.45 pm 2 hours 30 mins	<b>Berry</b>	<b>Minister for Housing and Suburban Development</b>	<p><u>Community Services Directorate</u></p> <p>Homelessness Housing assistance policy Housing sector regulation Public housing asset management Public housing growth and renewal program Social and affordable housing delivery</p> <p><u>Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate</u></p> <p>Housing strategy and policy Suburban land development Suburban Land Agency (with the exception of those matters assigned to the Chief Minister)</p>
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CLOSE 5.45pm