



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

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

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Asked by Ms Clay MLA on 26 July 2023: Mr Aaron Hughes took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Amount in private management

**MS CLAY:** I am so much happier than I was three years ago. Thank you. I have one more on this line and then I will see with the committee if I can continue. I asked the last Public Trustee and Guardian approximately how much money was in management, and he could not tell me, so he did not seem to think he had any kind of system, could not use Excel to add up 750 numbers for instance. Are you able to tell me on notice, or in person today, approximately how much money is under private management?

**Mr A Hughes:** I am happy to take it on notice and to see what we can do, and if we cannot do it, then I am also happy to provide the committee with the reasons and outline as to why we cannot do it.

**AARON HUGHES:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Public Trustee and Guardian does not maintain data in its systems to easily calculate how much money is under private management in total. Under the *Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991* and its regulations, managers submit accounts and documents covering income, estimated value of assets, and liabilities. While the Public Trustee and Guardian examines this information, our systems do not capture the total values of these items in a way that can be presented as an estimate of how much money is under private management at any given time.

Please note this is different to the Public Trustee and Guardian's data relating to financial management services. Where this agency is appointed as the financial manager for a protected person, we do collect information and data on cash amounts, income and asset values in our systems.

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Signature: 

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By the Public Trustee and Guardian, Aaron Hughes