



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA

In relation to: ACAT Annual Reports

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Tara Cheyne MLA took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: Okay. Back to me. Attorney, I just note, with some concern actually, that the ACAT Annual Reports, the last one that is actually published and available on their website is 21-22. So there is no annual report or annual review for ACAT operations for 23-24, or even 22-21. Have you met with the ACAT president to discuss this significant lapse?

Ms Cheyne: I have met with the ACAT president. I have not discussed this lapse, Mr Cain. That is unfortunately and frustrating and we will see what needs to be done to get those up.

THE CHAIR: So you have not – so do you have any idea when these reports might actually be available?

Ms Cheyne: I expect they are available somewhere. But in terms of access to them, Chair, I do not have enough information or knowledge about what has happened here to be able to give you an accurate answer at this stage. But I will ensure we take some action on this and come back to the committee as soon as I can.

THE CHAIR: Okay, that – so you happy to take on notice—

Ms Cheyne: Yes.

THE CHAIR: I guess, at least to communicate to the committee, the status of those reports and when they are going to be available. Thank you.

Ms Cheyne: Yes, of course.

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Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Noting that there is no legislative requirement for annual reviews to be compiled by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT), the 2022-23 and 2023-24 reviews are not yet completed. This is due to competing priorities, changes in leadership during the period, and workload pressures. However, ACAT is looking to publish the 2022-23 review imminently. The 2023-24 review is currently being produced as a matter of high priority and is intended to be published by the end of this financial year.

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Signature:



By the Attorney-General, Tara Cheyne MLA

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