



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Public Service

Reference: Territory Records

Hearing: 21 July 2026

In relation to: Executive records statistics

Question received: 21 July 2026

Answer Due: 5 August 2026

Following the implementation of amendments passed under Territory Records (Executive Records) Amendment Bill 2025:

- (1) What has been the number of applications made under the new scheme?
- (2) How many applications have had a time period extension?
- (3) What is the average time period in days from date of receipt of the application to date of release of the information?
- (4) How do these compare with performance prior to implementation of these amendments?

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Since the *Territory Records Act 2002* was amended on 9 March 2026, 2 applications have been received seeking access to a total of 22 accessible executive records.
- (2) No extension to the release period for any of the 22 requested accessible executive records has been sought or made by the Principal Officer or a delegate of the Principal Officer.
- (3) For the 22 accessible executive records requested after 9 March 2026, the average time taken to provide an applicant access was 17 calendar days. Access to all 22 requested accessible executive records was provided within 22 calendar days or less.

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- (4) In the 12 months prior to commencement of the amendments, there were 10 applications of a similar size to those received after 9 March 2026. These applications sought a total of 27 records and the average response time was 96 calendar days, with a minimum of 24 days and a maximum of 257 days. An application for 479 records was also received in the 12 months prior to the amendments, and was responded to in 414 calendar days.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:



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By the Minister for the Public Service, Rachel Stephen Smith MLA