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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Peter Cain MLA:

Ref: Suburban Development, Annual Reports Hearings, Ballot process for sale of Suburban Land Agency land

In relation to: Ballot process for sale of Suburban Land Agency land

- 1. During the ballot process, how are applicants' details checked and confirmed?
 - **a.** Are directors and shareholders of a company are checked for ineligibility or conflict of interest if a company is listed as a purchaser?

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: -

As part of the ballot process, registrants who wish to register as a company are required to provide the names of all company directors and provide their relevant identification details (driver's license or passport) when filling in the online registration form. The smart form then identifies duplicates based on a range of registration information. In addition, the Suburban Land Agency's (SLA) legal providers conduct related party checking on ranked registrants, which includes company directors and shareholders. For the administrative efficiency, based on an allocation of up to 250 sales appointments, the first 400-600 ranked registrants are typically subjected to this process.

All company directors and shareholders are cross referenced against individual registrants in the database to ensure no one registrant would gain an unfair advantage over another registrant.

The definition of Related Party is as follows:

- 1. Spouses or domestic partners
- 2. A company and any director, secretary of shareholder of the company
- 3. A company and any spouse or domestic partner of any director, secretary of shareholder of the company
- 4. Companies that share a common director, secretary or shareholder
- 5. Companies where a director, secretary or shareholder of one company is the spouse or domestic partner of a director, secretary or shareholder of the other company.

Related Party checking attempts to identify any Related Parties who have applied for the ballot. These checks are undertaken by obtaining company details from Australian Securities and Investments

Commission (ASIC) and searching for common surnames and common residential addresses amongst the registrants.

This also includes company directors and shareholders where they have attempted to apply as an individual. The SLA's legal provider cross reference both individual names with company directors and shareholders.

The sales conditions for the Ballot are clear, in that, if the SLA's legal provider has deemed a registrant to have met the definition of a related party, and the registrant has not provided a statutory declaration declaring that they are not a related party, then they will be removed from the Ballot process.

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Signature:

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