



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: NSW reimbursement for accepting their asbestos

Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: NSW reimbursement for accepting their asbestos

Question received: 19 November 2025

Answer Due: 28 November 2025

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has announced they will not accept recalled coloured sand products and instead directing their residents that they can drop them off for free at ACT Resource Management Centres.

1. Does the ACT receive any monetary reimbursement for handling NSW generated asbestos contaminated waste?
2. Does the ACT check if the person dumping waste is an ACT or NSW resident?

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

1. No, the ACT does not receive any monetary reimbursement from NSW for handling asbestos-contaminated waste. Domestic (non-commercial) quantities of asbestos (less than 250 kg and no larger than 800 mm x 800 mm) are accepted free of charge at the Mugga Lane and Mitchell Resource Management Centres. Commercial loads are charged according to the ACT commercial fee schedule.
2. Yes, weighbridge operators are trained to ask whether loads are from interstate, particularly if the vehicle has a non-ACT number plate. The weighbridge management system can record transactions as ACT or interstate. However, this is largely an honesty-based system, and we rely on customers to provide accurate information.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA