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Inquiry into the Appropriation Bill 2019-2020 (No 2)

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
2 March 2020



Asked by Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA on 2 March 2020: Ms Vanessa Morris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 2 March 2020, p.58

In relation to: Building regulation reform – breakdown of stage 1 and 2

THE CHAIR: I think it probably needs a breakdown, what is in stage 1, what you required from the building minister's license—what is in stage 2, how much of that is a continuation of things that were established in—how much comes from the national work? So that the committee can have—and the community can have a clear breakdown of what is actually involved.

Ms Morris: Okay.

THE CHAIR: Thanks, on notice.

Mr Ramsay: Yes, take that on notice?

MINISTER RAMSAY: The answer to the members question is as follows:

The current Building Regulatory Reform program is made up of 43 interconnected reforms (stage 1). The full list of reforms can be found at:

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/build-buy-reno/reviews-and-reforms/building-reforms/status-of-building-reforms>. This reform program includes several consultations and reviews including the following:

- Reform 35 – Consult on the findings of the review in relation to licensing, licensing categories and 'contracting' as a scope of work. This includes consultation on licensing for design practitioners, including people undertaking engineering of buildings and building services, and people contracting for supply of new residential buildings.
- Reform 36 – Consult on the findings of the review of the ACT building regulatory system in relation to insurance and practitioner accountability.
- Reform 39 – Consult on the findings of the review of the ACT building regulatory system in relation to building contracts and the residential building insurance system.



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- Reform 41 – Review the Security of Payments system in the ACT. The ACT review also includes considering the findings of the National Review of Security of Payment laws.
- Reform 42 – Consider issues raised by stakeholders during the consultation where supported by the findings of the review of the Act.

Work under a second stage of reforms would be to implement the outcomes from the above consultations and reviews.

Further work may also be required to respond to the findings under reform 31, which is to consider the introduction of a non-written assessment for building licence applicants after review of the operation of the current pre-licence assessments introduced in late April 2019.

Stage 2 may also include evaluation of some of the stage 1 reforms, particularly those introduced in 2016-2018 and that may have been operating long enough for an evaluation to be undertaken.

In addition to reforms that arose from the review of the ACT building regulatory system, funding also relates to participation in, and contribution to, projects that have started since the current reform program was agreed in 2016. Jurisdictions are responding to the Building Minister's Forum (BMF) 2018 assessment on improving the effectiveness of compliance and enforcement systems for the building and construction industry across Australia. That assessment resulted in 24 recommendations for measures at a national and jurisdictional level. The BMF has assigned a further range of strategic national policy projects to its Senior Officers' Group.

Inquiries covering building-related matters in the ACT and nationally may also result in work to respond to relevant findings.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Ramsay'.

Date: 17/3/20

By the Minister for Building Quality Improvement, Mr Gordon Ramsay