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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
7 November 2019

Asked by MR PARTON:

In relation to: Increase in the building levy

MR PARTON: Yes. Look, I understand that this question probably straddles a few ministers and a few directorates and I just—can I ask you a question about the building levy, which was of course increased in recent times with the promise of that extra money being channelled into building quality reform.

And I understand that, you know, we may be out of area here, but with the minister here, I am hoping that he is able to answer how much extra money has been raised by the increase in the building levy and has all of the additional funding been directed to building quality reform?

Mr Gentleman: To answer the second part of the question first, it certainly has been directed to improving not just building quality reform, but DA application processes as well, so there was work done with the—if you like, the community, the building community, on how they would like to see that levy spent. And the first question again was?

MR PARTON: It was basically how much extra money has been raised by the increase in the building levy.

Mr Gentleman: Yes, I think we will have to take that on notice to get the details for you.

Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Building Levy was increased on 1 July 2019 by 0.1%.

In the period 1 July to 31 October 2019 an additional \$795,988 in levies has been collected due to this increase. Accurate reporting on levies collected is only able to be provided at the end of each calendar month.

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By the Minister for Business and Regulatory Services, Gordon Ramsay MLA