



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

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City and Government Services - City and Environment Directorate

Hearing: 22 July 2026

In relation to: Animal Registration

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Answer Due: 6 August 2026

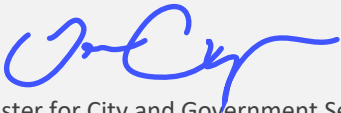
- (1) Has the ACT Government considered implementing an annual registration renewal model for domestic animals under the provisions of the Domestic Animals Act 2000?
- (2) Has the Government considered expanding registration requirements, whether through one-off or annual registration fees, to additional classes of domestic animals, such as backyard chickens? If so, what options have been considered?
- (3) Has the Government considered the possibility of directing this additional revenue generated from an expansion of domestic animal registrations to Domestic Animal Services to support compliance, education, enforcement and animal welfare activities?

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

- (1) Yes. Annual registration renewal is already in effect in the ACT for dogs and cats with a one-off fee payable when the animal is first registered, followed by free annual renewal of registration.
- (2) Expansion of registration requirements to domestic animals other than dogs and cats is not being considered at this time.
- (3) Pet registration fees are Territory revenue, for allocation through the Territory Budget. There is no current consideration to change this approach.

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Signature: 

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