



# Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2025–2026 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2025–2026

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: CED – Access Canberra

Hearing: 31 July 2025

In relation to: Authorised Examiner Repairer and Authorised Inspection Station authorisation fees

Question received: 5 August 2025

Answer Due: 15 August 2025

In relation to Authorised Examiner Repairer and Authorised Inspection Station authorisation fees, please provide a breakdown of what each of the below fees covers:

- a. Annual authorised inspection station fee of \$2,164.60
- b. Annual authorised examiner fee of \$212.10

Why is the ACT Government the only jurisdiction in Australia not to use digital certificates for vehicle inspections?

Is the ACT Government investigating options to move towards the use of digital certificates for vehicle inspections, and if not, why not?

**Mr Chris Steel MLA** on behalf of **Ms Tara Cheyne MLA**: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The fee for granting or renewing the approval of premises for 12 months to inspect motor vehicles and trailers is not itemised. It is, however, intended to cover, in part, the cost of administering the approved premises arrangements including:

- inspecting premises and equipment proposed to be used for the inspection of motor vehicles and trailers complies with the prescribed requirements for the classes of vehicles proposed to be inspected;
- confirmation that the proprietor (and if the proprietor is a corporation, each director of the corporation) is a suitable person to be a proprietor – has not been convicted or found guilty of an offence the road transport authority considers relevant to the approval and is not disqualified from being a proprietor under the regulations;

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- considering and deciding the application, and where approved, providing the certificate of approval and the authorised inspection station sign/notice, that are required to be displayed at the premises, to the proprietor;
- Provide ongoing support of operational requirements for the proprietor as required; and
- maintenance of the computer and administrative systems utilised to administer the arrangements.

The fee for granting or renewing the appointment of an authorised examiner for 12 months to inspect motor vehicles and trailers is not itemised, but is intended to cover, in part, the cost of administering the authorised examiner arrangements including:

- confirming that a person applying to be an authorised examiner holds an acceptable qualification for the cases of vehicles proposed to be inspected;
- confirming that the person has not been convicted or found guilty of an offence the road transport authority considers relevant to the authorisation, is not disqualified from applying for authorisation and is a suitable person to be an authorised examiner;
- considering and deciding the application, and where approved, providing the authorised examiner with the certificate of authorisation prescribed by regulation along with the examiners stamp used in certifying vehicle inspections;
- Provide ongoing support of operational requirements for the examiner as required; and
- Maintenance of the computer and administrative systems utilised to administer the authorised examiner arrangements including the examiner register prescribed by regulation.

The development of a digital process relating to vehicle inspections is not currently under development but may be considered in a future work program.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

Signature:



Date:

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By the Acting Minister for City and Government Services, Mr Chris Steel on behalf of Ms Tara Cheyne