



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Acting Public Trustee and Guardian

In relation to: Public Trustee and Guardian and Estates open longer than 12 and 24 months

Hearing: 24/07/2026

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Answer Due: 12/08/2026

Mrs Danae Lacey took on notice the following question(s):

Thank you for your very transparent answer. Drilling down a little bit on some of those statistics, so how many estates have remained open for longer than 12 months, and then longer, for 24 months? And maybe a percentage of your total pool as well. You might take that on notice.

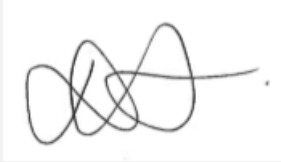
Mrs Danae Lacey: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The table below provides information on deceased estates that remained open as at 30 June 2026. The figures represent current matters on hand (active estates under administration) and show the number of estates that have remained open for longer than 12 months and longer than 24 months, together with the proportion these estates represent of the total active estate caseload.

Measure	Number
Total Active Estates on Hand (as at 30 June 2026)	100
Estates Open for More Than 12 Months	37
Estates Open for More Than 12 Months (% of Total Active Estates)	37%
Estates Open for More Than 24 Months	31
Estates Open for More Than 24 Months (% of Total Active Estates)	31%

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Signature:

Date: 07/08/2026

By the Public Trustee and Guardian, Danae Lacey