



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mark Parton MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Cost of loose fill asbestos eradication scheme

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Mr Green took on notice the following question(s):

MR PARTON: Okay. What is the total cost of the loose fill asbestos insulation eradication scheme to the government to date? I guess, I am not just talking about what has been expended in the budget that we are examining, but over the whole period?

Mr Engele: We will take that on notice.

Mr Green: Take that on notice, yes.

MR PARTON: Yes, no, I understand that. And do we have any estimate of what the total cost of completing the scheme will be? I mean, that could be a little open-ended given that we are not acquiring.

Mr Engele: Yes, I do not think we could provide a reasonable answer on that given the number of properties and they all rely upon individual decisions at this particular point in time.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Loose Insulation Eradication Scheme (the Scheme) was originally administered by the Asbestos Response Taskforce (the Taskforce). The Taskforce formally closed on 30 June 2022 following completion of the major delivery phase of the Scheme. At that time, the Scheme's net cost was \$268.38m.

Details of the financial outcomes achieved during the Taskforce's administration of the Scheme are set out in the [Asbestos Response Taskforce Closure Report \(November 2022\)](#) which is publicly available on the Loose Fill Asbestos Coordination website.

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Following the closure of the Taskforce, responsibility for administering the Scheme transferred to the Loose Fill Asbestos Coordination (LFAC) Team which continues to support affected homeowners and administer the sale of remediated blocks acquired through the Scheme.

From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025, published financial statements show that sales revenue of \$20.08 million exceeded total costs of \$14.82 million, resulting in a net surplus of \$5.26 million over the period 2022-23 to 2024-25.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA