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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 5****11 April 2025****Question No. 263****MS CARRICK MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

Did the ACT Government commit to a review of legislation to consider ways the legislation could be improved to make the building industry fairer; if so, can the Minister advise (a) when did the review start, (b) what are the terms of reference, (c) when will consultation begin, (d) when will the review be finalised and presented to the ACT Government and (e) will the review be presented to the Assembly.

**MINISTER STEEL MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- a) The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate is planning a detailed review of the ACT's security of payment laws to commence in late 2025. The review will explore ways the legislation could be improved to make the building industry fairer, with a focus on supporting contractors to be paid in a reasonable time and reducing their vulnerability to insolvencies. The review was originally planned to begin in late 2024 but has been rescheduled to allow the government to progress work on new priority commitments such as expanding trade licensing.
- b) The terms of reference (or scope) have not yet been developed and will be established during the early planning stages of the review project.
- c) Consultation across the building and construction sector will be a key part of the review and will inform its findings. Consultation is expected to occur in 2026.
- d) The review is expected to be finalised in the 2026-27 financial year.



- e) The outcomes of the review will be presented to the Assembly once the Government has had an opportunity to consider its findings.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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