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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 4****21 March 2025****Question No. 241****MS MORRIS:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. How much forfeited bail money was accrued in (a) 2023-2024 and (b) the current reporting period.
2. How is forfeited bail money governed and who is responsible for the administration of forfeited bail money.
3. In (a) 2023-2024 and (b) the current reporting period, how much forfeited bail money was directed to (i) government programs and entities and (ii) non-government programs and entities.
4. Can the Attorney-General list all government and non-government programs, projects or otherwise that have been funded with forfeited bail money and how much in (a) 2023-2024 and (b) the current reporting period.
5. How much forfeited bail money has been rolled into general revenue.
6. How much forfeited bail money has been used on non-justice measures.

**TARA CHEYNE MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Section 25 of the *Bail Act 1992* (the Bail Act) provides the conditions that may be imposed by a court on a grant of bail. This includes a condition that the person, or another acceptable person/s, pays to the Territory a stated amount if the person fails to appear in court in accordance with his or her undertaking, or gives acceptable security for the payment to the Territory of a stated amount if the person fails to appear.



Section 37 of the Bail Act provides for the process whereby such a condition for bail exists, and the person has failed to appear in court in accordance with the condition. In these circumstances, the money is either forfeited to the Territory, or the court may order the person required to pay the amount to the Territory.

Section 31 of the Bail Act provides that an amount may be deposited in accordance with a bail condition to a court, registrar or deputy registrar, or an authorised officer.

In response to Question 2, where bail money is received, it is held in a trust governed and administrated by the ACT Courts and Tribunal CEO. Where that bail money is forfeited, it is transferred to the Territory.

No forfeited bail money has accrued in the reporting periods referenced in Question 1. Accordingly, there is no information to provide in relation to Questions 3 to 6 above.

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



**Tara Cheyne MLA  
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