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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 41****12 April 2024****Question No. 1828****MR CAIN MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Does 'Airbnb' fall under the definition of 'commercial accommodation' under the planning system.
- (2) Is commercial accommodation a permitted land use in residential zones under the Residential Zones Policy.
- (3) Are exemptions available for commercial accommodation to operate in Residential Zones.
- (4) How many exemptions have been granted for commercial accommodation to operate in Residential Zones.
- (5) What are the consequences of conducting commercial accommodation operations in Residential Zones without an exemption.
- (6) What avenues of recourse are available to residents who neighbour commercial accommodation in Residential Zones.

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

- (1) No. 'Airbnb' is the trade name of a company operating an online marketplace for short and long-term homestays.
- (2) No.
- (3) There are no specific exemptions available for commercial accommodation to operate in a residential zones, however they could be considered a home business, where exemptions from requiring development approval do apply.
- (4) The nature of exemptions means there is no application made.



(5) If a complaint is made, Access Canberra can investigate the allegations made in the complaint. There are a several actions that could be taken by Access Canberra. Potential enforcement actions are identified in the Planning Act 2023.

(6) A neighbour may make a complaint to Access Canberra.

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