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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 1

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Question No. 131

Andrew Braddock MLA: To ask the Chief Minister

What is the current average waiting time for a person who requests the release of cabinet documents found on the Canberra Day lists, from the date of request to the date they receive the requested documents.

ANDREW BARR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- The average time from the date of request to the date the applicant receives the requested document is currently 321 days (11 months).
- The *Territory Records Act 2002* requires that all requested executive documents are reviewed for public interest matters prior to the document being released.
- There is no legislated timeframe for the release of executive documents.
- From March 2022, 1438 executive documents have been requested by 13 individuals, including all documents identified on the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Canberra Day lists.
- Of the 1438 documents requested, 732 (over 51 per cent) have had a release decision and the associated executive document published online at ACT Memory.
- Prior to 2022 only 10 to 30 documents were typically requested annually.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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