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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 4****21 March 2025****Question No. 232**

MR RATTENBURY MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:

- (1) Does the Government have any data that tracks the installation or purchase of new gas appliances in ACT homes and businesses; if so, can the Minister provide this data.
- (2) Does the Government have information on, or use as an estimate, an approximate average lifespan for typical gas appliances (e.g. heating, cooking); if so, can the Minister provide this data.

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

- (1) The ACT Government does not have any data on the purchase of new gas appliances in ACT homes and businesses.

Gas fitters are required to notify Access Canberra of various types of gas fitting work in residential and commercial properties. This information is collected to inform compliance activity and inspections. This information is submitted via two regulatory forms: 'minor works' and 'start of works'.

A 'Minor work' is any gas fitting work that is for existing residential properties and is typically not associated with a building approval. It is generally associated with existing gas infrastructure within premises. This work includes replacements, installation of new gas appliances. This work may also include alterations and repairs to existing appliances and could also include appliance removals.

A summary of the number of gas installation minor works relating to appliances in 2022, 2023 and 2024 is provided in the tables below.

Appliance type	2022	2023	2024
Cooking appliance	67	82	124
Hot water heating	471	550	751
Space heating	927	541	580
Pool spa heater	2	1	4
Decorative log fire	12	12	15

Gas start of works form

Gas fitters are also required to complete a Gas Start of Work for gas work that relates to new buildings or renovations (works connected to Building Approvals). This work is likely to involve new internal gas infrastructure and appliances.

2022	2023	2024
437	356	371

Type B appliances form

Additionally, Gas fitters are required to notify Access Canberra of the installation of larger Type B appliances on commercial and industrial premises. A Type B gas appliance, as specified under the *Gas Safety Act 2000*, is an appliance that uses large quantities of gas at a rate of 10 megajoules (MJ) per hour or more.

2022	2023	2024
60	40	29

- (2) Analysis commissioned by the ACT Government, conducted by GHD, in 2022 found that most residential gas appliances have a life of 10-15 years.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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