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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 1

MR CAIN MLA - To ask the Minister for Heritage:

- (1) What protections has the ACT Government established to ensure the appropriate upkeep and maintenance of the heritage-listed Coggan's Bakery building in Braddon.
- (2) Can the Coggan's Bakery building be cordoned off to ensure better protection from graffiti and vandalism.
- (3) What requirements exist to ensure leaseholders appropriately upkeep and maintain heritage-listed buildings (a) on their property and (b) on their property while awaiting development application approval.
- (4) Has the Minister met with the leaseholder for the heritage-listed Coggan's Bakery building to discuss the current state of the building; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Minister met with the Minister for City and Government Services to discuss the current state of the building; if so, when; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Conservation works to Coggan's Bakery are to be undertaken by the owner, in accordance with lease conditions and provisions of the *Heritage Act 2004*. The ACT Heritage Council will engage directly with the owner about these works to make sure that essential repair is undertaken in a timely manner.
- (2) The most effective way to deter graffiti and vandalism at Coggan's Bakery will be to undertake the essential conservation, repair and ongoing maintenance works of the building.
- (3) An important requirement of all Crown leases is maintenance and repair of buildings and land. Heritage owners also have additional obligations under the *Heritage Act 2004*, to



conserve and responsibly manage registered heritage places. Essential repair and maintenance work generally do not require development approval from the planning authority, as they meet exempt development criteria.

- (4) I have not met with the leaseholder for the Coggan's Bakery. Access Canberra has responsibility for enforcing planning legislation, including compliance with Crown Leases. Access Canberra contacted the leaseholder of Block 1 Section 28 Braddon, the location of the bakery, to discuss their plans for restoration works and future development. The leaseholder informed Access Canberra of their intent to lodge a new development approval in the coming months. They further advised they will use the current development approval to carry out necessary restoration works on the old heritage building. The ACT Heritage Council, as the statutory authority for heritage in the ACT, will continue to engage directly with the leaseholder.
- (5) I have not met with Minister Cheyne on this matter. Coggan's Bakery is a privately leased building, and therefore management of graffiti and vandalism is the responsibility of the owner, and not the ACT Government.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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