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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****11 April 2025****Question No. 292****MR CAIN MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

1. Does the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) consult with Icon Water, EVO Energy and Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) when assessing development applications.
2. What is the average time it took for these three agencies/directorates to respond to development application consultation requests from EPSDD, from 2019-20 through to 2024-25 year to date.
3. Are there internal service level agreements or equivalent that set standard response time targets for Icon Water, EVO Energy and TCCS; if so, can the Minister detail these standard response time targets including how they may vary depending on development size.
4. Can the Minister detail if and how the response time targets, referred to in part (3), have changed since 2019-20.

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

1. Development applications (DAs) are assessed by the independent Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) that sits within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. As part of the DA assessment process, the Authority will refer a DA to a number of entities for expert advice and will include entities required under the *Planning Act 2023* (the Act) and other agencies as necessary for the consideration of a development proposal.

This consultation process will include entities such as Icon Water, EVO Energy and Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) and is dependent on the nature, location and potential impacts of the development.



2. Under the Act and the Planning (General) Regulation 2023, mandatory entities are required to provide their advice within 20 working days for significant development or 15 working days for a standard DA. During the DA assessment process, if further information is requested, or an amendment is lodged, where further entity consultation is required, then the timeframe for entity advice is 10 working days.

If entity advice is not provided within these timeframes, then the legislative referral requirements are taken to be complied with, and the Authority can determine the application. The Authority therefore does not keep records of average timeframes for entity referrals as this is mandated by the planning legislation.

3. The Authority's service level agreements with agencies or entities do not include additional timeframes as this is already established by the planning legislation (see above).
4. In 2019-2020, all Development Applications regardless of significance were subject to the requirements of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* and the *Planning and Development Regulation 2008*. The requirements under this previous legislation set a period of 15 working days for entity referral agencies to provide advice on a DA.

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