

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 14 05 December 2025 Question No. 752

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

1. Who is the current Minister responsible for the ACT Government's Waste to Energy Policy.
2. Who is the former Minister responsible for the ACT Government's Waste to Energy Policy, as referred to by Minister Orr in Question Time on 2 December 2025.
3. When the current Waste to Energy Policy 2020-2025 expires in 2025, does the ACT Government intend for this policy to remain in place until a new one is developed; if so, (a) when was this decision made and (b) who made that decision.
4. Has the City and Environment Directorate begun internal work to develop the next Waste to Energy Policy.
5. Has the City and Environment Directorate sought advice from other agencies, including ACT Health, about evidence on the public health risks posed by waste to energy projects.

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

1. The Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water is the current Minister for the ACT Government's Waste-to-Energy Policy.
2. The Minister for City and Government Services was the former Minister responsible for the ACT Government's Waste-to-Energy Policy.
3. The Waste-to-Energy Policy does not contain an official sunset clause and will continue to remain in place after 2025. The intent of the Waste to Energy policy is established in legislation as the *Waste Management and Resource Recovery (Waste-to-Energy) Code of Practice 2023 (No 1)* and this will also continue after 2025.
 - a. An official decision to extend the current policy past 2025 was made in May 2025.
 - b. The Minister for City and Government Services.
4. Work is yet to commence on the development of any potential new Waste to Energy Policy.
5. No consultation with other agencies has been undertaken on the public health risks of waste-to-energy projects since the current policy was released in 2020.

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Suzanne Orr MLA
Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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