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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 8****27 June 2025****Question No. 472****MS CLAY MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

Has the ACT Planning Authority initiated a trial into the use of artificial intelligence to help improve the processing of development applications, such as that already being trialled across Sydney councils; if not, when does it propose to commence such a trial.

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

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the ACT Government is guided by the *ACT Government Artificial Intelligence Policy* and other ICT policies and internal guidance material regarding the use of AI in the workplace. This is to ensure that the use of AI meet key national standards and commit to maintaining community trust by developing AI solutions that are well-designed, safe, and appropriately governed.

The Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) already utilises ACT Government endorsed generative AI capabilities and similar technology, where appropriate, to assist in its processes. The Authority does this in accordance with the ACT Government's current AI policies and guidelines which recommends particular generative AI tools. These tools are used to assist in drafting some written elements in the assessment process. It is noted that officers still need to review any generated content for any potential inaccuracies or bias. Any investment in future AI tailored solutions or systems will be assessed by ACT Government to ensure that security is not impacted, and that the solution or system is effective in producing greater efficiencies.



It is noted that the [NSW trial](#) is intending to utilise the technology to assist with the accuracy of documentation prior to DAs being lodged. This is aiming to improve the quality of applications that are being submitted.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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