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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 1

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Question No. 19

MS CLAY MLA - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

- (1) Is the new planning system meant to provide the opportunity for proponents to submit applications that are innovative, high quality and focused on outcomes; if so, how will these outcomes be measured.
- (2) How many development applications have been submitted, since November 2023, for developments that are considered to be innovative, are focused on achieving outcomes and are of a high quality.

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

- 1) The [ACT Planning System Evaluation Framework 2024-29](#) (evaluation framework) has been established to guide monitoring and evaluation of outcomes under the planning system over the next 5 years. Establishment of the framework will include testing of new evaluation methods, such as a development application (DA) audit tool to assess DA design outcomes.
- 2) The new ACT planning system focuses on good planning and development outcomes and the Territory Planning Authority (the TPA) has noticed a greater improvement in the quality of DAs submitted.

From 27 November 2023 to 30 November 2024, a total of 573 DAs have been lodged with the Territory Planning Authority (the TPA) under the *Planning Act 2023*. From these applications, a total of only 5 DAs have been refused and 341 DAs have been approved or approved subject to conditions.



In addition, for each month, the DA statistics show shorter median assessment timeframes under the new system when compared with the previous which further demonstrates an improvement in the quality of the proposals. These statistics are published on the ACT Planning Website (<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/applications-and-assessments/development-applications/development-statistics>).

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