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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 45

MS CLAY MLA - To ask the Minister for City and Government Services:

- (1) What is the current ownership and zoning status of Lawson grasslands.
- (2) Will the grasslands be maintained by the Government.
- (3) How and on what basis will any maintenance program be determined.

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

- (1) Block 2 Section 6 Lawson is National land and is currently leased to Defence Housing Australia (DHA). Development on National land is administered by the Commonwealth government.
- (2) The subject site is managed by the Commonwealth government (DHA). The ACT Government does not have a direct role in maintaining these grasslands, however ecologists within EPSDD are working closely with DHA staff in providing ecological advice to inform their land management activities.
- (3) DHA are proposing residential development for a portion of the site and have applied to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for environmental approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC 2022/09298).

The long-term protection and maintenance in relation to the environmental values on the site is contingent on the consideration and any future conditions imposed by DCCEEW through the Commonwealth process.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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