

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1549\_15**

**Senator Xenophon provided in writing.**

*Refers to previous Department of Employment Question No EM0831\_15*

**Question**

**Files relating to Mr Fluffy insulation**

1. In response to a question on notice from last estimates regarding the Mr Fluffy insulation case (question number EM0831\_15), which stated that historical files relating to affected houses are held by the ACT government. Has the department or the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency communicated with the ACT government in relation to the accessibility of those files? 2. Further, the response states: Cabinet records in relation to the "Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Removal Program" up to and including 1987 are in the open access period and are now in the public domain unless they are exempt. Can the department advise what kind of documents might be exempt? a. Further, has the department or the Agency communicated with the National Archives regarding access to these documents? 3. Has the department or agency explored any option for collating the documents (or copies of the documents) and making them available from a single source to expedite requests?

**Answer**

1. No.
2. Documents containing categories of information listed in Section 33 of the *Archives Act 1983* are exempt records.
  - a. No.
3. No.