



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

MICHAEL PETERSSON MLA (CHAIR), JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), PETER CAIN MLA

**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports  
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
1 MARCH 2021**

Asked by Johnathan Davis MLA:

In relation to: **Gungahlin Pool**

**MR DAVIS:** But there is a substantial cost differential on the rate payers and a substantial amount of time they have been without a pool. Surely we can rule out ever employing this particular contractor again to build government assets?

**Mr Edghill:** I would not want to step into a future procurement process, but I think we are very, of course, well aware of the process that we have been through here with the Gungahlin pool.

**MR DAVIS:** Do we know how many other government assets this contractor has been responsible for building in part or in their totality?

**Mr Edghill:** We can take that on notice. I would note that swimming pools are reasonably unique sort of beasts, so an issue with a swimming pool does not necessarily point to there being an issue with other works that the company may have undertaken for us.

**MR DAVIS:** All right. There are a few things my career before here prepares me uniquely for, Mr Edghill, and it would be being pessimistic about the track records of particular developers. Which leads me to my next question. What work, if any, has been done to investigate any works that may need to be required in other projects that contractor has been responsible for?

**Mr Edghill:** Sorry, again, I would have to take on notice the exact list of other works. This contractor certainly has not undertaken any other swimming pools for us. No, definitely not. So to that extent, we do not have to investigate other swimming pool works that they undertook because they did not undertake anything else.

**Yvette Berry MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The contractor has delivered three other infrastructure projects for the ACT Government:

1. Fire and Rescue Station South Tuggeranong, contract signed 12 December 2013
2. Calvary Hospital Carpark, contract signed 3 September 2014
3. Ambulance and Fire Station Aranda, contract signed 3 November 2014



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**QTON No. 17**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA (CHAIR), JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), PETER CAIN MLA

ACT Government contracts in the infrastructure sector generally contemplate a defects rectification period following the construction period and various matters were worked through and resolved with the contractor on these projects.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Community Inclusion

Signature:

Date: 11/03/21

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA