



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: MS JO CLAY MLA

Addressed to: CHIEF MINISTER

Redirected to: MINISTER FOR FINANCE

In relation to: Service contract project

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Answer Due: 02/04/2026

(1) Can you advise any reasons why ACT Government could not project manage its pilots, commissioned services and contracted services so that 12 months ahead of time, Government could inform the organisation whether the service will be continuing and could be in a position award a new contract at that time if the service will continue?

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Territory entities prioritise funding to deliver operational activities that support ACT Government commitments. In some instances, contracted services are engaged for multiple years with options to extend. However, continuity is subject to availability and allocation of ongoing funding.

Funding for contracted services, including pilots and commissioned services, are subject to the ACT Government's budget process and funding allocations. The rigour of the ACT Government budget process ensures Territory entities are appropriately funded.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Signature:

By the Minister for Finance, Rachel Stephen-Smith

Date:

29/4/26