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Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory
Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA

Reference: Woden library

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(1) Where will the waiting area be for people using Access Canberra within the Woden Library?

(2) When will the designs for the new Access Canberra within the Woden Library be available for public comment?

(3) What is the ACT Government doing to improve accessible parking at Woden Library, to support people using the Access Canberra shopfront?

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) This information is currently not known as the design is still in development.

(2) Consultation on design and particularly accessibility considerations will be undertaken in the coming months. This will include in-person and online community consultation, targeted stakeholder engagement and pop-ups.

(3) As the project is an internal fitout, and the Access Canberra Service Centre will remain part of the precinct, no changes to the parking options are planned for the Woden Library area and precinct as part of this project.

Notably within approximately 100m of the Woden Library there are sixteen (16) accessible parking spaces in the precinct, and several loading zones where drop off and pick up can also occur. This includes six (6) accessible parking spaces on Corina Street outside the library and ten (10) spaces in Keltie Street carpark (approximately 50m away). In addition, holders of disability parking permits are able to park in most restricted parking spaces for longer durations and in some spaces the restriction does not apply to permit holders (for more detail refer to https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/driving-transport-and-parking/traffic-and-parking/disability-parking-permits#Using-your-permit).

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne