



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: Minister for the Public Service

Reference: Government accommodation and property services

Hearing: 21 July 2026

In relation to: Penrhyn House Woden Lease

Question received: 28 July 2026

Answer Due: 05 August 2026

- (1) When does the ACT Health lease on Penrhyn House in Bowes Street, Phillip expire?
- (2) Is the intention for the bulk of ACT Health staff to continue to be based in the Woden Town Centre for the foreseeable future?

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The lease on 2-6 Bowes Street expires on 30 April 2039.
- (2) The Health and Community Services Directorate currently maintains a significant presence in the Woden Town Centre and there are no plans to relocate the majority of health staff from Woden. Decisions regarding future office accommodation arrangements are considered as part of whole-of-government accommodation planning led by Infrastructure Canberra. Any future changes would be subject to government decision-making processes and consultation. While the Health and Community Services Directorate maintains a significant presence in Woden, ACT Government staff may also access ACT Government flexi-space facilities across the ACT in accordance with whole-of-government workplace arrangements.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:

Date: 11 / 8 / 26

By the Minister for the Public Service, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA