



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

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Community Services

Redirected to: Minister for Children, Youth and Families

In relation to: Gunners Place

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**MS CASTLEY:** Okay, great. Gunners Place and funding; is there money in this budget for a fulltime youth worker to operate Gunners Place? That is really just what I am keen to know.

**Ms Orr:** Just what I am interested in. Thank you. I am not sure what time that is.

**Ms Stephen-Smith:** From an Infrastructure Canberra perspective, in terms of establishing the Gungahlin Community Centre and the Youth Hub, there has been a contract with a consortium led by Northside Community Services to manage. And my understanding it is largely the same group of organisations that are currently running Gunners Place and moving into the Youth Hub adjacent to the New Gungahlin Community Centre.

**MS CASTLEY:** And so that provider have been advised that there is money enough for them to employ that fulltime youth worker?

**Ms Stephen-Smith:** I am not able to answer that question. We will take that question on notice.

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Gunners Place is operated by a consortium comprising Northside Community Service, Multicultural Hub, and Relationships Australia Canberra & Region. All consortium partners are currently funded through the Child, Youth and Family Services Program (CYFSP) to deliver services to vulnerable children, young people and families.

CYFSP funding is provided flexibly to enable funded organisations to determine how resources are best utilised to deliver their agreed service outcomes. The consortium partners utilise their CYFSP resources to support the delivery of services through Gunners Place, including youth engagement activities and staffing.

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Signature:



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Minister for Children, Youth and Families, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA