



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Rachel Stephen-Smith

In relation to: Infrastructure Canberra and Lease - ACTPS Dickson site

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Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA took on notice the following question(s):

MS CARRICK: That is true. I understand that, but if you are moving—well, how many employees are you moving from Woden to Dickson, and so that amount of desk space, how much will that be even though you are already paying for it?

Ms Stephen-Smith: Maybe can we take this question and come back to it in the CED. You guys will meet here with CED—

MS CARRICK: Because the question is like have you asked the Cosmo building—

Ms Stephen-Smith: I understand.

MS CARRICK: Like, how do we do the value for money?

Ms Stephen-Smith: We will take the question on notice, Ms Carrick, and see if we can come back to you with an answer, but I think it is really important to emphasise that there is no additional cost associated with the Dickson space, but we will take the question on notice and see if we can find some useful information.

MS CARRICK: Have you asked the Cosmo, the owner of the Cosmo building what it would cost to stay there, what incentives—

Ms Stephen-Smith: Well, more than zero is the answer to that question. It is costing us zero to use the space in Dickson, and it would cost more than zero to stay in Cosmo.

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

Access Canberra and City and Environment Directorate (CED) support flexible working arrangements where operational requirements permit. While some teams may have a designated base office location, on any given workday, staff may choose to operate from an ACT Government office premises across Woden and Dickson locations, as well as flexispace premises in Civic, Belconnen and Tuggeranong offered by the ACT Public Service. Some teams choose to vary their team office days between locations. Therefore, there is no specific answer beyond that provided in the hearing.

Access Canberra staff will be included in the overall CED use of 480 Northbourne Avenue. There will be some minor one-off costs relating to relocation of storage which are currently being finalised.

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

Signature:



Date:

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