



Inquiry into the Role and Future of the Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Caitlin Tough MLA

Addressed to: Canberra Institute of Technology

In relation to: Campus restaurant/café opening hours and opportunities for expansion

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Mr David Jones took on notice the following question:

MS TOUGH: Thank you. The campus has a restaurant cafe on site on the ground floor to help as part of student learning and training. When we visited, it has got fairly limited opening hours currently for the public to come in and be able to get something to eat or have some drinks with friends. Is there work underway to expand what those opening hours might be to help activate that part of the campus to bring in people from outside of CIT into the building and just integrate it a bit more?

Mr Jones: Certainly that first six months, as I mentioned before, we focused on embedding ourselves in there, undertaking, relocating some of those services we are in and understanding also how they might be able to work differently and the responsibility for those for those restaurants sits within our hospitality area because it is integral to our students' learning. I will have to take that question on notice about any future expansion opportunities that we see.

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

Designed with advanced technology, the CIT Woden campus restaurant is an industry-standard facility that provides a simulated work environment for our hospitality and culinary students. During each semester, the CIT Restaurant offers quality breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and pre-packaged food for sale. Operating hours of the Restaurant and Produce Store are primarily dependent on the number of students enrolled in commercial cookery courses at CIT. CIT works closely with a range of stakeholders in industry and government to grow pathways into training and employment in the region's hospitality and culinary industry, which in turn will support expansion of CIT's operating hours in its Restaurant and Produce Store.

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CIT Woden Restaurant currently operates similar hours to that which previously existed at CIT Reid. Opportunities for expanded operating hours are reviewed in the context of commercial cookery program enrolments. The current operating hours of the CIT Restaurant, Bar and adjoining Produce Store are provided on the CIT website and are as follows:

Thursdays

11am to 1:30pm - CIT Produce Store & CIT Bar: Takeaway Pre-packed meals | Drinks | Coffee

- Booking Options: Walk-ins only
- Please note: the Produce Store changes weekly, and quantities vary depending on classes

5pm to 6pm - CIT Bar: Happy Hour

- Booking Options: Walk-ins only
- *Menu:* [Happy Hour Menu](#)

6pm to 8:30pm - CIT Restaurant: 5 Course Tasting Menu

- Booking Options: Online Bookings only through [OpenTable](#)
- *Menu:* [5 Course Dinner Tasting Menu](#)

Fridays

9am to 2pm – CIT Restaurant & CIT Produce Store: All Day Menu

- Booking Options: Walk-ins | Take Away | Online through [OpenTable](#)
- *Menu:* [All Day Menu](#)

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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature:



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