



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Consultation on path and road closure fees

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Answer Due: 3 August 2026

Mr Josh Rynehart took on notice the following question(s):

MR EMERSON: Yes, thank you. On the path and road closures fees, at the time last year when they were deferred to this financial year there was some indication given that further consultation had to occur with affected stakeholders. I am wondering what that consultation looked like and when it occurred.

Ms Cheyne: So part of the deferral was to take the feedback that we had received then about applying a more consistent and equitable unit of measurement from the previously notified fee, and to better balance the policy objective. In terms of the actual engagement with industry, I guess the starting point is they knew it was coming because we had given a year's notice. But there was more advice and education given in the final quarter of the previous financial year, which you can tell us about.

Mr Rynehart: Yes, we certainly received a range of feedback and, helpfully, some of that feedback indicated real-life examples of what the new fee structure would do from a range of stakeholders. And we took that feedback on board when we were looking at the best way to implement it for this year. I am not sure if—

Mr Mangeruca: It was also mentioned at a series of industry meetings where we again received feedback on the impact the new fee structure would have on bills and events and were able to take that into consideration when looking at the new fee determination.

Ms Cheyne: And sorry, the external group meetings where the new fees were presented was at the Infrastructure Canberra and ACT Master Builders Association civil roundtable on 25 February this year, the Planning and Construction Industry Chief Executive Reference Group, PACICERG—just wanted to say it—on 10 April 2026. And then some general feedback on the impact, and potentially

a compounding impact, of the new road and footpath closure fees on the construction industry was received directly from Ms Neelagama from the ACT MBA on 14 April.

MR EMERSON: Okay. For those two meetings prior to that, are you able to provide a list of attendees or names?

Ms Cheyne: They are not my meetings, but could I take it on notice and if we could check with—

MR EMERSON: On notice, yes.

Mr Rynehart: Yes, we can certainly.

MR EMERSON: And if there is any other feedback received, you mentioned the MBA, but if any other feedback was received, very happy for that to be included and dates for that as well.

Ms Cheyne: Yes, if it is okay, to take that on notice, we sure can.

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

The attendees below were present at the meeting.

Mr Dave Pepper - Director-General, City and Environment Directorate, Chair
Mr Sam Engele - Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate
Mr Chris Steel MLA - Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development
Mr Adam Davey - Chief Executive Officer, Suburban Land Agency
Mr Reuben Pellizzer - Program Director, City Renewal Authority
Ms Kim Szandurski - Executive Branch Manager, Culture and Industry, Infrastructure Canberra
Mr David Delchau - ACT Member Representative for Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
Ms Catherine Townsend - ACT Government Architect
Mr Geordan Murray - Executive Director, Housing Industry Association Ltd
Mr Greg Hardford - Canberra Business Chamber
Mr Alastair Cossart - President, Engineers Australia
Mr Sam Sachse - General Manager, Evo Energy
Ms Ashlee Berry - Act and Capital Region Executive Director, ACT Property Council
Ms Sophie Quinn - ACT Chair, Consult Australia
Mr Mitch Pirie - Executive Group Manager, Economic and Financial Group, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
Ms Angela Harrison - General Manager, Engineers Australia
Ms Davina McCormick - Icon Water
Ms Karen Doran - Chief Executive Officer, National Capital Authority
Mr Peter Briggs - Senior Advisor, Minister Cheyne Office
Ms Anna Neelagama - Chief Executive Officer, Master Builders Association of the ACT

Feedback on the road and footpath closure fees was also received by Geocon Constructors (ACT) Pty Ltd at a meeting with Roads ACT on 5 February 2026, and by Ox Traffic Oty Ltd via email on 6 February 2026.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA