



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 Mark Parton MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Planning and Sustainable Development and Canberra House pattern book

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Mr Ben Green took on notice the following question(s):

MR PARTON: Yes, thank you. I have got some questions regarding the Canberra House Pattern Book, ladies and gentlemen. Can I ask, in the first instance, what the money that is allocated for 26-27 will actually deliver?

Mr Steel: Yes, we can invite officials up that can talk to it. We will be going to a design competition to help develop the designs for the pattern book. We would like to see some local architects and designers engaged to be able to develop some of those plans. We are also in discussions with New South Wales government about potentially adopting some of their patterns from their pattern book if they are appropriate for the ACT to meet our planning requirements and the like and climate. So there is some cost to it, but there will also be—the designs will be sold as well for a smallish fee, which will help to offset the cost of developing the pattern book as well.

MR PARTON: So that has, I guess, answered the question of why most of the funding is deferred until 27-28 because in the first instance, it is not actually going to be something that actually requires a great deal of cash.

Mr Green: That is correct. So the work that we are doing over this part of the financial —this current financial year is to scope that, what that will look like, run a competition and then the ...(indistinct)... [4.29.32]

MR PARTON: When would you expect that, in a perfect world that we do not operate in, but anyway, when would you expect the first pattern book designs to actually be available to homeowners and builders?

Mr Green: I am not quite sure of the dates at this point, Mr Parton, but I can probably take that on notice and provide an indicative date for you.

Chris Steel MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Pattern book designs from an established Canberra House Pattern Book are anticipated to be available for the Canberra community during the first half of 2028.

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA