



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 Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Canberra Institute of Technology

In relation to: Worksafe incidents

Hearing: 4 August 2026

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Answer Due: 20 August 2026

Ms Jackson took on notice the following question(s):

MR EMERSON: On Work Health and Safety, there is a matter listed for a hearing on the ACT Magistrates Court on 23 November involving CIT, and I understand this relates to an enforceable undertaking issued by WorkSafe ACT. Is that accurate?

Ms Jackson: Yes it is, Mr Emerson.

MR EMERSON: Okay. What is the nature of the undertaking and of the hearing?

Ms Jackson: I will have to take that on notice.

MR EMERSON: Okay. Does it relate to CIT's EV Tafe Centre of Excellence?

Ms Jackson: The WorkSafe investigation for the centre—the EV Centre of Excellence was the work that was conducted in the basement at Woden. That investigation has been finalised with a report received back and no findings. So I think your question is about one that was with regards to a student whose finger was severed and that work is continuing and I will have to provide any more information on notice.

MR EMERSON: Okay, thank you.

[...]

MR EMERSON: Yes. I just wanted to follow up, Ms Jackson, earlier you said that the WorkSafe investigation into the EV Centre of Excellence was concluded. Last week WorkSafe ACT said it was ongoing. When did it conclude?

[...]

Ms Jackson: Yes. Mr Emerson, yes, can I just clarify what investigation. So there was an investigation conducted by WorkSafe ACT to an incident that occurred at Floriade which I thought was the question that you asked earlier on.

MR EMERSON: No, that is—

Ms Jackson: And then there was the EVIDENCE investigation with the activity that was conducted in the basement at Woden.

MR EMERSON: And so they received a complaint that was multifaceted; is how they described it, in relation to the EV Centre of Excellence.

Ms Jackson: Yes.

MR EMERSON: The Woden carpark was part of that.

Ms Jackson: Yes.

MR EMERSON: There were other parts as well. Labour hire vehicles, fleet vehicles. I asked about the use of the carpark and what the nature of the investigation was and they said it is still ongoing. So it is yet to be finalised and this was in the afternoon last Wednesday, 29 July.

Ms Jackson: I cannot recall what day it was that I was speaking to any of the internal audit, but he indicated certainly that there was no concern to safety of the use of the Woden basement.

MR EMERSON: Okay. Would you like to take on notice any further information and you can update us.

Ms Jackson: I will take it on notice. Yes.

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

- An Enforceable Undertaking is being sought for a matter listed for a hearing on the ACT Magistrates Court on 23 November 2026.
- The nature of the hearing is in relation to an incident involving a student on 13 September 2023 at the CIT Bruce Campus after Floriade which resulted in an injury to a student's finger.
- As the above proceedings are before the Court, CIT is unable to provide additional information as these are subject to legal professional privilege.
- On 22 June 2026, WorkSafe notified CIT by email that they received a complaint regarding multiple concerns with CIT and the EV Centre of Excellence. The complaint was related to the concerns initially raised with CIT on 9 January 2026.
- As a result, WorkSafe made enquiries and attended the CIT Woden building and undertook an inspection.

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- On 30 July 2026, WorkSafe advised CIT that they would be closing the case with no regulatory action against CIT.
- On 10 August 2026, WorkSafe advised CIT that following the closure of the case, they had received new and additional information regarding the CIT EV Centre of Excellence. CIT met with WorkSafe on the same day and is assisting WorkSafe with their enquires into the newly received information.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

Signature:



Date: 14 August 2026

By the CIT Board Chair, Mr Tom Rogers