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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Special Minister of State

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In relation to: Vacant Gowrie depot

Hearing Date: 29 July 2024

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Answer Due Date: 2 August 2024

THE CHAIR: Yes, I have one example of property, whether it comes under your property group mandate or separately. There was an old City Services depot in Gowrie, I think it is block 1, section 228, Gowrie. Zone CFZ. I think it was an old depot, it was behind the Gowrie Scout Hall, and it has been vacant for a number of years. Is that part of your portfolio?

Mr Steel: I would have to take that on notice. I am sorry, I do not know.

THE CHAIR: And if you could add how long it has been vacant for and why—there has been a number of group owners now who have asked to use that thing and they have been declined access, why—

Mr Steel: Yes, and reasons, I think, were provided them about why as well. I think that was due to the level of accommodation not being sort of safe for them to use. So, I will provide that in on notice.

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

The Gowrie Depot (Block 1, Section 28), also known as the Finlay Place Depot, had been licensed to a commercial tenant since July 2015 and the Territory regained possession of the site in 2022. Following repossession, substantial building works were undertaken over the 2022-23 financial year, which meant the premises was not in a suitable condition to be leased.

With works now complete, the site has been identified for re-use by an ACT Government entity in accordance with Item B.2 of the *ACT Property Group Community and Other Tenancies Application and Allocation Policy*. The premises have been offered to Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate for occupancy for their operational requirements.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



Date:

31/7/24

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA