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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy

Reference: Arts 2024-25 Budget Outlook - Infrastructure and Capital page 309 - 2024-25 Budget Outlook - Appendix C - Capital Works Program - Works-in-Progress

Hearing Date: 31 July 2024

In relation to: Gungahlin Arts Centre

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Answer Due date: 8 August 2024

- Can you provide a specific timeline for the needs analysis and the subsequent steps to consider establishing an independent Gungahlin Arts centre? When can the community expect tangible progress?
- What specific criteria and metrics will be used in the needs analysis for the Gungahlin arts centre? How will the analysis ensure that the unique needs of the Gungahlin community are adequately addressed?
- How will the Gungahlin community be involved in the needs analysis and planning process? What mechanisms will be in place to ensure their voices are heard and considered?
- What funding and resources have been allocated to conduct the needs analysis and to potentially establish the independent Gungahlin Arts centre? Are there any committed budget allocations for this project in the next fiscal year?
- Can you provide more details on how the integration of a dedicated arts space in the proposed Gungahlin community centre would be planned and executed? How will it affect the timeline and budget of the community centre project?
- What accountability measures are in place to ensure that the commitment to consider establishing an independent Gungahlin Arts centre is followed through? Who will be responsible for overseeing this project and reporting on its progress?
- How does the establishment of an independent Gungahlin Arts centre fit into the long-term vision for arts and culture in the ACT? What are the expected benefits and outcomes for the Gungahlin community?

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

The 2024-25 Budget provided \$300,000 in expense funding over two years (\$150,000 per annum for 2024-25 and 2025-26) to support a consultancy to undertake an Arts Assets Needs Analysis that will support Government decision making on current assets and inform strategic investment to meet future community demand.

The statement of requirements for the consultancy is under development and will include the commitment made in the *ACT Infrastructure Plan Update: Entertainment, Arts and Sports* to undertake a needs analysis for arts centres at Gungahlin and Woden. This will include consideration of opportunities to incorporate a dedicated art space in the planning of the proposed Gungahlin Community Centre, the use of existing buildings that could be used for artists to create and perform, and a hub for textiles-based artforms and art-makers' spaces.

It is envisaged that the consultancy will occur over 12 to 18 months commencing in 2025 and concluding in 2026 with a report to Government for consideration. Any decisions on investment of arts assets will be made in the context of future ACT Budget processes.

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

Signature: 

Date: 8/7/24

By the Minister for the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy, Tara Cheyne MLA