



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: First Action Plan (2024-2026) of the Capital of Equality Strategy 2024-2029 [Page 7]

Hearing: 11 February 2025

In relation to: Establishing Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Question received: 18 February 2025

Answer Due: 26 February 2025

Miss Nuttall, Laura: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

The 2024-26 capital of equality strategy says that the government will work to establish gender neutral bathrooms in bus depots and toilet blocks; can you advise on if the directorate has a particular target for how many gender-friendly toilets you plan to have installed in the territory and what progress has been made on this?

- (1) Can you confirm if these toilets are separate from disabled toilets, and if the directorate is ensuring there are both adequate disabled toilets and separate gender-neutral toilets?
- (2) If the directorate has built gender neutral bathrooms in line with this strategy so far, can you advise as to how many there are and where these are located?
- (3) Can you advise where future gender-neutral toilets are planned for?

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

- (1) Unisex public toilets in Canberra can be used by people of any sex or gender identity. The Territory has not determined a particular target for the number of gender-neutral toilets to be delivered each year. Generally, any new toilets delivered under the Asset Renewal Program are both gender neutral and accessibility compliant. Since the establishment of the 2024-26 Capital of Equality Strategy where toilet refurbishments for disabled access have occurred across Canberra, the accessible toilet has been designed to accommodate gender diverse community members. However, the remaining toilets within the facility may still contain gender specific elements.
- (2) Cubicle information is publicly available through the [Open Data catalogue](#) which can be filtered and viewed spatially.
As an example of recent works, the Territory has delivered five gender neutral toilets. These toilets have been delivered at the Florey, Duffy and Kaleen local shops, Tuggeranong foreshore upgrades and Farrer nature play, and are all open to the public.

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- (3) In 2024/25, a total of seven unisex and accessible toilets will be constructed. These include facilities at Evatt local shops, Ruth Park play space in Coombs, Mawson Group Centre and two toilet facilities at Bizant Street and Wunderlich Street at Yerrabi Pond District Park. All standalone toilets constructed in the future will be designed and built as unisex toilets.

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Signature:



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