



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries

Reference: CMTEDD EcoDev - Cultural Facilities Corporation

Hearing: 19 November 2025

In relation to: Canberra Theatre Centre and Patronage

Question received: 21 November 2025

Answer Due: 4 December 2025

According to the Canberra Theatre Centre's website, the capacity of Canberra Theatre is 1,239, Playhouse is 614 and Courtyard is 100 seated. Page 33 of Cultural Facilities Corporation's Annual Report says there were 130 programmed works and 51 presented works – which totalled 570 individual performances – with 272,456 visitors.

(1) What was the average patronage breakdown compared to capacity for:

(a) programmed works?

(b) presented works?

Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) The average patronage breakdown compared to venue capacity in 2024-25 is outlined in the below table:

Venue	(a) Programmed Works %	(b) Presented works (venue hire) %
Canberra Theatre	70	63
Playhouse	66	77
Courtyard Studio	89	63

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Date: 4.12.25

By the Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries, Michael Pettersson MLA