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Year-to-date performance as at 30 September 2025

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INTRODUCTION

This report details progress made towards delivering the Government's 2025-26 Capital Works Program and outlines major project achievements for the quarter ending 30 September 2025.

Expenditure details of projects with a budget greater than or equal to \$10 million are at [Appendix 1](#).

The Capital Works Program also includes capital investment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Plant and Equipment (P&E).



Acton Waterfront

CHAPTER 1 2025-26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

1.1 2025-26 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2025-26 Budget included a number of new initiatives, the reprofiling of a range of existing projects and other technical program adjustments, reflecting updated project delivery information.

The available funding in the 2025-26 Capital Works Program is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: 2025-26 Capital Works Program Available Funding

	\$ million
2025-26 Budget	1,343
Net estimate of adjustments, savings and rollovers	-1
Total estimated funds available for expenditure in 2025-26	1,342
Declared savings to date	0
Total Funds Available for Expenditure 2025-26	1,342
Capital Delivery Provision	(100)
Forecast Program Expenditure	1,242

1.2 2025-26 PROGRAM EXPENDITURE YEAR-TO-DATE SEPTEMBER 2025

Actual year-to-date (YTD) expenditure as at 30 September 2025 was \$247 million, comprising:

- new works expenditure of \$3 million; and
- works-in-progress expenditure of \$244 million.

YTD September 2025 capital expenditure accounted for 18 per cent of total funds available for expenditure in 2025-26 (20 per cent taking account of the Capital Delivery Provision).

Table 2 below provides a breakdown of YTD capital expenditure incurred by each agency to 30 September 2025 and reflects the administrative arrangements in place from 1 July 2025 under the *Administrative Arrangements 2025 (No 1)*.

Table 2: Capital Works Program Expenditure – YTD 30 September 2025

Agency	2025-26 Funding Available for Expenditure (\$'000)	2025-26 YTD September 2025 Expenditure (\$'000)	Percentage Spent YTD September 2025
ACT Electoral Commission	211	0	0%
Canberra Health Services	61,999	10,118	16%
Canberra Institute of Technology	26,316	1,148	4%
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	48,902	1,657	3%
City and Environment Directorate	246,773	42,401	17%
City Renewal Authority	19,491	1,552	8%
Cultural Facilities Corporation	7,665	289	4%
Digital Canberra	33,944	467	1%
Education Directorate	70,604	7,869	11%
Health and Community Services Directorate	27,406	1,635	6%
Housing ACT	144,726	32,187	22%
Infrastructure Canberra	612,358	144,615	24%
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	38,190	3,286	9%
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,226	21	1%
TOTAL	1,341,811	247,245	18%
Forecast Program Expenditure	1,241,811	247,245	20%

2025-26 Asset Renewal Program

The Asset Renewal Program provides ACT Government agencies with an annual funding pool for works that extend the useful life or improve the service delivery capacity of existing infrastructure assets. This investment is distinct from routine repairs and maintenance which is funded separately.

YTD September 2025 expenditure for the 2025-26 Asset Renewal Program (both new works and existing projects) was \$14 million, or 10 per cent of the funding available of \$138 million.

Table 3: 2025-26 Asset Renewal Program Expenditure – YTD 30 September 2025

Agency	2025-26 Funding Available for Expenditure (\$'000)	2025-26 YTD September 2025 Expenditure (\$'000)	Percentage Spent YTD September 2025
ACT Electoral Commission	211	0	0%
Canberra Health Services	15,560	3,700	24%
Canberra Institute of Technology	6,078	836	14%
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	4,940	105	2%
City and Environment Directorate	62,680	6,046	10%
City Renewal Authority	0	0	0%
Cultural Facilities Corporation	2,983	24	1%
Digital Canberra	0	0	0%
Education Directorate	28,441	1,598	6%
Health and Community Services Directorate	1,476	97	7%
Housing ACT	0	0	0%
Infrastructure Canberra	11,880	1,118	9%
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	3,576	387	11%
Office of the Legislative Assembly	378	3	1%
TOTAL	138,203	13,914	10%

Significant infrastructure improvements being delivered in the September Quarter 2025-26 through the Asset Renewal Program include:

- Active travel and public transport improvements
- Improvements to road infrastructure and road safety
- School infrastructure renewal
- School infrastructure inclusion works
- Upgrades to hospital equipment and ICT infrastructure
- Environmentally sustainable development
- Improvements to major venues
- Essential facilities and grounds upgrades
- Sportsground facilities improvement program
- Improvements to public spaces and playgrounds

2025-26 ICT and P&E Expenditure

The 2025-26 Capital Works Program includes investments in ICT and P&E projects. Total funding available for these projects in 2025-26 is \$157 million. As of 30 September 2025, year-to-date expenditure was \$32 million, or 20 per cent of available funding.

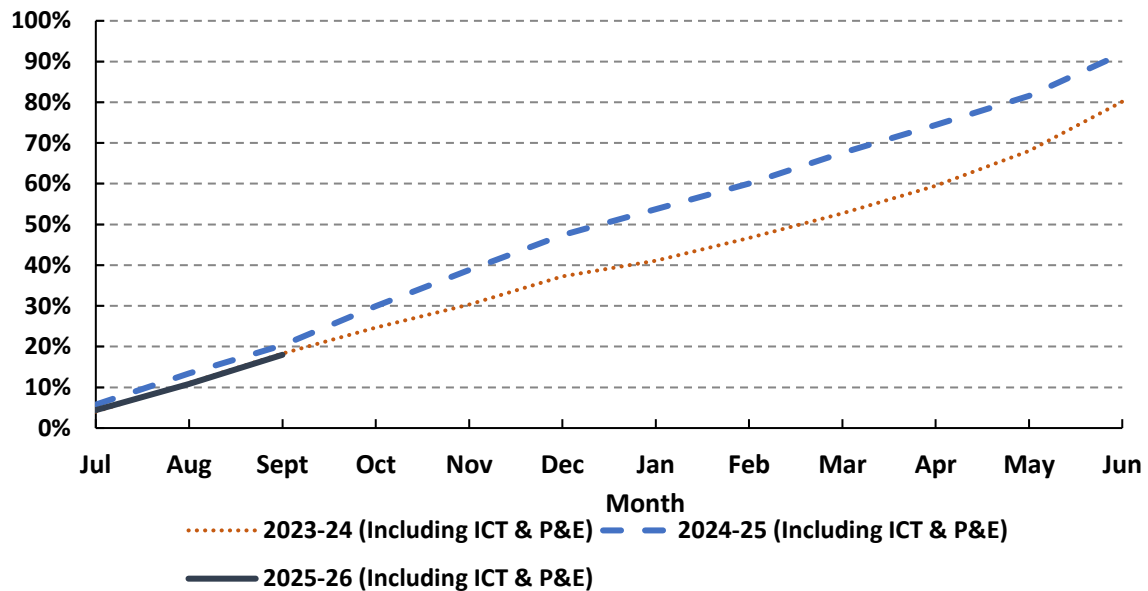
Table 4: 2025-26 ICT and P&E expenditure – YTD 30 September 2025

Agency	2025-26 Funding Available for Expenditure (\$'000)	2025-26 YTD September 2025 Expenditure (\$'000)	Percentage Spent YTD September 2025
ACT Electoral Commission	0	0	0%
Canberra Health Services	11,707	1,889	16%
Canberra Institute of Technology	2,418	312	13%
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	7,990	839	11%
City and Environment Directorate	49,051	16,559	34%
City Renewal Authority	0	0	0%
Cultural Facilities Corporation	0	0	0%
Digital Canberra	32,738	467	1%
Education Directorate	13,923	3,787	27%
Health and Community Services Directorate	1,648	101	6%
Housing ACT	7,200	7,200	100%
Infrastructure Canberra	8,585	199	2%
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	21,930	617	3%
Office of the Legislative Assembly	35	18	52%
TOTAL	157,225	31,988	20%

CHAPTER 2 HISTORICAL EXPENDITURE TRENDS

Figure 1 below shows cumulative monthly expenditure as a proportion of annual total funding available for the Capital Works Program for each of the three fiscal years to 2025-26.

Figure 1: Cumulative percentage of program expenditure – YTD September 2025, 2024-25 and 2023-24



CHAPTER 3 NON-FINANCIAL (MILESTONE) OUTCOMES

Delivery of the Capital Works Program is also measured against non-financial indicators and reported against key milestones for projects.

Up until the June Quarter 2024, high-level data on milestones was provided on the delivery of projects in the Capital Works Program. This milestone information will be replaced with more relevant reporting milestone progress integrated with expenditure for significant projects in the Capital Works Program from the December 2025 quarter. In the meantime, detailed qualitative information regarding pre-construction and construction milestones for individual projects has been provided in the following section along with relevant progress highlights.

CHAPTER 4 PROJECT PROGRESS

4.1 DELIVERY OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE ACT COMMUNITY

Delivery of Transport Infrastructure



London Circuit

Light Rail to Woden – Project progress includes:

- The Raising London Circuit (RLC) project has reached practical completion with handover to Canberra Metro 2 being completed on 22 September 2025. Landscape consolidation will continue into the 2026-27 financial year and London Circuit west will remain closed to on-road traffic to enable construction works for Light Rail Stage 2A.
- Construction works on Light Rail Stage 2A (LRS2A) are continuing:
 - Corkhill Street was reopened and operational on 25 July 2025;
 - the Traction Power Substation 6 (TPS6) site was established on 4 August 2025; and
 - Parkes Way rail bridge works continued with the first pile cap pours, piling works, and first concrete pours for the abutments completed on 30 September 2025.



Light Rail Stage 2A

- Preparation for Light Rail Stage 2B is underway. Public exhibition for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was conducted between 7 July to 5 September 2025 with the digital EIS platform attracting nearly 10,000 unique visitors. The Final Concept Design and Final EIS are being progressed for lodgement in the June Quarter 2026.



Render image - Light Rail Stage 2B Commonwealth Avenue

Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) and Depot Modification – All four New LRVs in Canberra achieved Final Acceptance in August 2025 and are currently in operational service. Three retrofit LRVs received Preliminary Acceptance between August and October 2025 and one has returned into operational service. The fourth retrofit LRV is expected to complete all mainline testing in October 2025. There are currently fourteen LRVs in operational service.

Molonglo Enabling Works: – Project progress includes:

- Installation of precast deck panels for the Molonglo River Bridge.

- Completion of the abutment wall structure for the pedestrian bridge and piling works for the protection structure over the Molonglo Valley Interceptor Sewer.
- Clearing and grubbing and bulk earthworks for the construction of the intersection with Sculthorpe Avenue.
- A sustainability forum was held with external stakeholders on 25 September 2025.



Molonglo River Bridge Deck Panel Installation

William Hovell Drive duplication – Significant progress was made in the September Quarter to advance the construction phase of the project.

- The construction contract was executed with the preferred tenderer, Canberra Contractors Pty Ltd on 5 September 2025.
- Drafting of the first Annual Compliance Report in preparation for issue to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) commenced in late September.
- The Offset Management Plan was submitted to Parks and Conservation Services in late September for endorsement prior to submission to DCCEEW for formal approval.

Athllon Drive duplication – Project progress includes:

- The Works Approval (WA) application for the southern section was approved by the National Capital Authority in July 2025 and construction activities commenced on site for the second enabling works package.

- In September, an industry engagement session was held seeking feedback and input on the project planning. The project also had the first verifier meeting required to achieve the projects targeted sustainability rating, which will be the first road project to seek a design and as built sustainability rating under the IS Essentials framework.

Monaro Highway upgrades and Design – Project progress includes:

- Monaro Highway Upgrades, Lanyon Drive Interchange – Delivery of a further eight bridge girders through the quarter, construction of the abutments and placement of the precast concrete planks for the first half of the bridge over Dog Trap Creek was completed in September; and the first of the concrete deck pours for the Lanyon Drive flyover bridge also took place in September.



Monaro 1B Bridge

Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Campus Woden Project – Public Transport Interchange – Project progress includes:

- Construction of bus shelters continues with final fit-off works on bus shelters 1 and 3-8 largely complete. The weather canopies are complete and final fit out to bus shelter 2 is underway.
- Road preparation in front of bus shelter 4 is ongoing, and complete elsewhere.
- Landscaping works are continuing. Pavement and footpath work to northern Callam Street are complete, with in-fill slabs and pram ramps being installed at Bike Shelters.
- Intensive communication and engagement with local residents, businesses and the community is ongoing, including stakeholder information sessions, community pop-ups and precinct doorknocking.

Gundaroo Drive Duplication Stage 3 – The major construction works to upgrade Gundaroo Drive to a dual carriageway between Ginninderra Drive and the Barton Highway have been successfully completed.

Providing Education for All

Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Campus Woden Project – Construction works on the CIT Building and Youth Foyer are essentially complete and teaching commenced from the Campus on 21 July 2025. Outstanding works continue to be closed out.



CIT Woden Campus – Multi Purpose Hall

CIT Yurauna – Project progress includes:

- Construction is underway with all wall frames, roof trusses and roof sheeting installed for the main building and all window frames and glazing installation complete.
- Expressions of Interest for commissioning of a new art piece to be developed by a Ngunnawal artist are being reviewed.



Yurauna Building Entrance

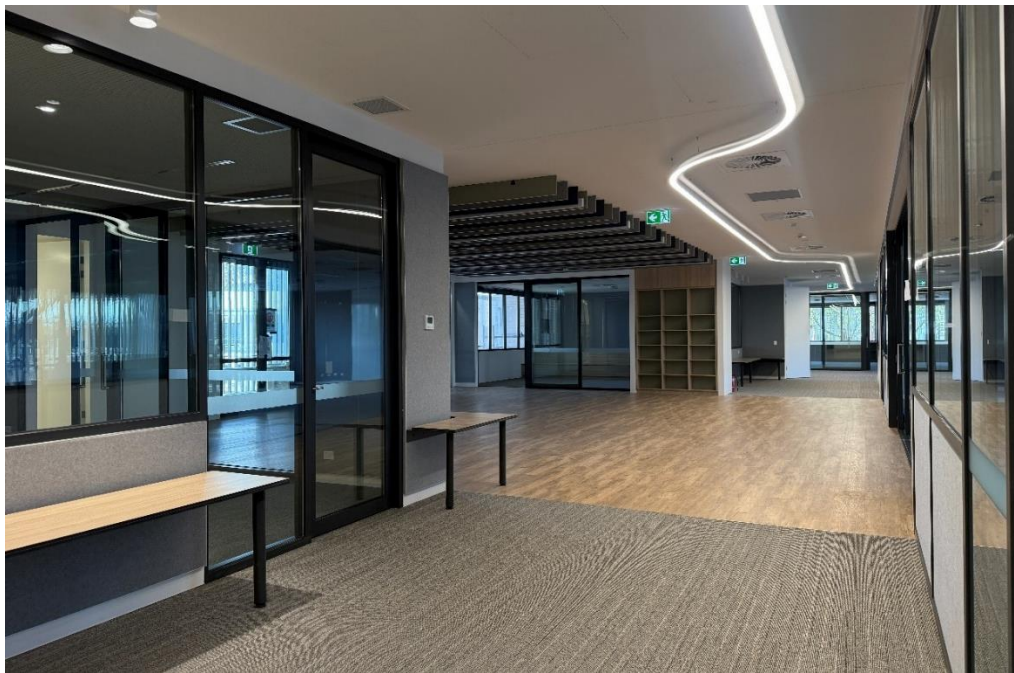
Narrabundah College Modernisation – Site works are continuing with all civil works complete, and ground and level one suspended slab concrete pours finished.



Narrabundah College Level 1 Suspended Slab Preparation

Second College Gungahlin (Nicholls) – The Preliminary Sketch Planning (PSP) and associated cost plan was submitted in August 2025. Final Sketch Plans (FSP) are underway, with ongoing value management discussions taking place.

Garran Primary School Modernisation – Stage 1 is forecast for completion in October 2025. A plan is being developed to transfer students and equipment from the existing school into the new building during November 2025.



Garran Primary School Modernisation – Learning Community Collaboration Space

Whitlam Primary School – Works are underway for a staged delivery of Whitlam Primary School to meet enrolment demand for the start of the 2027 school year. Bulk civil and excavation works

are nearing completion. Building Approval (BA) 1 was received in August 2025, enabling inground structural elements for building works to commence including services and footings.



Whitlam ECEC to Year 6 – Stage 1 Construction

Strathnairn Primary School – Significant progress has been made with structural steel, roofing, external cladding, external glazing and internal works underway on the main school building (Building A). The Gymnasium (Building B) ground floor slab and retaining wall is now complete, with suspended slab preparation works underway. Stage 1 completion is scheduled for opening in Term 1, 2026.



Strathnairn Primary School – Drone Image West to East

Teloopa Park High School Modernisation – Community engagement on the project scope and master plan is planned for Term 4, 2025.

Feasibility, Planning and Design for Future Public Schools – Early feasibility and high-level master planning was completed for Forrest Primary School and Fraser Primary School. A Major Plan Amendment was completed which expands the boundary of Fraser Primary School.

Infrastructure upgrades across Canberra schools – Upgrade works are complete at Cranleigh School and planning and approvals are currently underway for works at Black Mountain School. Phase one science lab upgrades are complete at Calwell High School and procurement for Phase two classroom upgrades is in progress with a contractor anticipated to be appointed in the third quarter 2025.

Refurbishing the Lyneham High School Gym – Procurement documentation has been prepared with an approach to contractors anticipated in October 2025.

Delivering Health Services

New Northside Hospital – Project progress includes:

- A staged campus masterplan strategy has been finalised with a short list of options. Concept design is progressing for the main works business case, ecological and bushfire strategies are being developed, and site investigations have been undertaken across the site to develop comprehensive early works and decanting strategies.
- Design is complete for the relocation of The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) from the North Canberra Hospital Campus to Erindale Business Park. A Development Application is expected late in 2025 and commencement of works is scheduled for Q1 2026.



Indicative image - Future Northside Hospital

North Canberra Hospital – Project progress includes:

- Construction works are continuing for the building fit-out at the Molonglo site to support the expansion of community-based paediatric services.

- Upgrading and renewing ageing infrastructure and equipment to support operational services at North Canberra Hospital.
- Transitioning the North Canberra Hospital from Calvary Health Care to the ACT Government Network.

Canberra Hospital – Project progress includes:

- Concept planning and design for the implementation of the Canberra Hospital Master Plan (Phase 2.2) is continuing which will see the completion of the clinical and facility concept planning for the Pathology and Clinical Services Building. Finalisation of the schedule of accommodation and functional design briefs are on track. The Signage and Wayfinding project is scheduled to complete by April 2026.
- Tender documents are being prepared for consultancy services to deliver additional car parking announced in the 2025-26 Budget.

Expanding community-based health services – Construction of the South Tuggeranong (Conder) Health Centre is underway with the slab poured and the modular framing erected. Construction is anticipated to be complete in mid-2026.



Conder Health Centre Construction

New Health Centres across the ACT – Preliminary sketch plan (PSP) work for the Casey Health Centre is continuing. Design work for the Griffith Health Centre is also underway in parallel with the planning and consultation processes.

Improvements at the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm – Procurement of a new machinery shed for the storage of farm vehicles and infrastructure that will support current and future residential options is expected to be completed by December 2025.

Redeveloping and expanding the services of the Watson Health Precinct – Construction is now underway and forecast for completion in September 2026. Four building slabs have been poured and framing commenced.



Watson Health Precinct – Winnunga Construction Progress

Southside Hydrotherapy Pool – The pool opened in August 2025 and provides a permanent Changing Places facility to support people with disability by increasing access to public spaces.



Southside Hydrotherapy Pool

Public and Social Housing

Housing Australia Future Fund – The ACT Government has committed to deliver 85 dwellings under Round 2 of the Housing Australia Future Fund Facility (HAFFF). There are currently 68 dwellings under construction, in the development application phase, in design or in the procurement phase.

Vulnerable Household Energy Support Scheme (VHESS) – The Scheme was introduced through the \$50 million Parliamentary and Governing Agreement of the 10th Assembly. As of 30 September 2025, VHESS has delivered ceiling insulation to over 2,750 public housing properties and upgraded gas appliances to electric in more than 1,360 homes.

Social Housing Accelerator Program initiative – The ACT Government is on track to deliver on its commitments under this program to deliver between 55-65 dwellings through purchase or construction by June 2028. Achievement to date includes 17 dwellings delivered in June 2025 and 41 dwellings to be constructed across two sites in the Gungahlin area.

Growth and Renewal Program – Year-to-date progress includes:

- Construction of 21 dwellings, the demolition of two dwellings for redevelopment and the sale of seven end-of-use public housing properties.
- An additional 212 dwellings are currently under construction, in design, development application or in the procurement phase.



Public Housing Renewal - Wanniasa

Environment and Climate

NoWaste Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Facility – Project progress includes:

- Following the evaluation of the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI), a shortlist of firms has been approved for participation in the Request for Tenders and procurement documentation is being prepared.
- The Environmental Impact Statement has been finalised in response to entity comments and to incorporate feedback from industry through the REOI process. A utility analysis has also been completed to ensure adequate utility supply to the FOGO site.
- A Statement of Heritage Effects (SHE) was granted in July 2025 by the ACT Heritage Council to conduct early works enabling the removal of items of cultural significance in accordance with the conditions set out in the SHE.



MRF Demolition

Upgrading the ACT Material Recovery Facility (MRF) – Project progress includes:

- The old Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Hume was fully demolished in September 2025. Design work for the MRF is progressing well and remains on track with the contractor's delivery program.
- The Request for Expressions of Interest process for an Independent Certifier concluded on 16 September 2025. Shortlisted respondents were invited to participate in the Request for Tenders, with submissions closing on 14 October 2025.
- A second DA to construct the remainder of Recycling Road has been submitted for consideration by the Territory Planning Authority.

Electrification of Government Gas Assets (EoGGA) – Year-to-date progress includes:

- Works in progress:
 - Seven Identification and Investigation reports.
 - Eight Detailed Designs.
 - Two sites in construction: Weetangera Primary School and 255 Canberra Avenue.
- A further seven sites are in the planning/procurement stage for construction (four sites) and design (three sites).



EoGGA CIT Fyshwick

Entertainment, Arts and Sports

Canberra Theatre Redevelopment (CTR) Project – Project progress includes:

- The Design Rationalisation Phase (30% design) was completed in August, enabling progression to detailed design.
- Site investigations were completed, including geotechnical and interface assessments.
- Public consultation was launched for NCA Main Works Approval in September 2025.
- Procurement activities progressed in September, including the release of Request for Tenders for Compliance and Commissioning Agent and Programming and Scheduling services.

Canberra Aquatic Centre – Project progress includes:

- The Reference Design Consultant contract was awarded in October.
- The Commercial, Business Case and Project Management tender package closed on 11 September 2025 and the contract is scheduled to be awarded in October/November.
- Community consultation is progressing including YourSay survey which opened on 29 September 2025.

Stromlo Forest Park District Playing Fields – Project progress includes:

- The DA was publicly notified from 3 to 23 July 2025. A total of 79 submissions were received and a consultation report is being prepared to address the feedback.
- A formal response to a Request for Information issued by the Territory Planning Authority addressing entity feedback and community input has been prepared.

Throsby District Playing Fields – The procurement and Approach to Market (ATM) documentation to engage a design consultant was completed in September 2025.

Kingston Cycleway – Design feasibility and planning for Segments 1 to 5 are complete and Segments 6 and 7 are advancing through final design stages.

Better community infrastructure – Making Canberra a premier mountain bike destination – Detailed site investigations and design for a preferred trail alignment based on key stakeholder engagement has been completed. Negotiation on trail easement and rights of access is proceeding to allow lodgement of environmental and construction related documentation and approvals.

Better community Infrastructure – Gungahlin Tennis Facility – The contractor for the construction works has been appointed and works have commenced on site. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of September 2026.

City Services, Recreation and Community Services

Molonglo Emergency Services Station – Construction is progressing well with completion forecast to be ahead of programme in the first half of 2026. The solar panel installation has been completed and the fitting off of services and installation of joinery in both the ACTAS and ACTF&R wings has commenced.



Molonglo site

Well-prepared emergency services – Better facilities for ACT Policing – The heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) at Winchester Station is physically complete. HVAC upgrade at City Police Station is underway and scheduled for completion by January 2026.

Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Vehicle Replacement Program and Facilities Upgrades – Project progress includes:

- Procurement documentation and project plan for the carousel (a storage solution for vehicle parts and inventory) upgrade is being developed.
- Detailed first draft of the ESA Vehicle Replacement Program Review has been reviewed and approved. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2027.

ESA Joint Station - Casey (Early Work) – A tender has been released for the design of the early works, with the consultant expected to be appointed by the end of the year.

Justice reform – Investing in rehabilitation opportunities for detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) – Minor makegood works were finalised in September 2025 and the project is scheduled for completion by June 2026.

Gungahlin Community Centre – design and construction – Year-to-date progress includes the completion of roofing, service rough-in and wall framing on the Youth Hub, and completion of roofing to the Community Centre.



Gungahlin Community Centre construction

Acton Waterfront Park (Ngamawari) – Project progress includes:

- Procurement for the head contractor for the construction of the permanent park, Ngamawari is nearing completion. Construction of the permanent park is anticipated to be completed by early 2028.