



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES  
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

**Inquiry into Giralang shops**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**Hearings of 17 June 2021**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA:

In relation to:

**THE CHAIR:** No, okay. So, somebody mentioned that there is—the ACT government refurbishment program for shopping centres on at the moment. Is there any reason that Giralang should be or should not be involved in that? How does the ACT government decide which shops should be included in that refurbishment program? And what is involved if you are listed?

**Mr Gentleman:** It is a matter for TCCS. But we can ask them if you like?

**THE CHAIR:** Yes. That would be great if you could take that on notice. That would be good—

**Mr Ponton:** We are happy to take that on notice and coordinate with our colleagues in Transport Canberra and City Services.

**THE CHAIR:** Yes. So, how the government decides which shopping centres get put into that program? And whether Giralang would or would not be suitable? And there might actually be arguments on both sides of that, I would be interested to see.

**Minister Gentleman MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) A rolling program of upgrading local shopping centres has been delivered since 2002. Separate programs have also focused on master planning and upgrades to group and town centres.
- 2) In 2016-17 the ACT Government undertook a review of the local shopping centre upgrade program which also identified priority local shops for upgrade based on criteria around extent of service to the community provided by the local shop and need for improvement at each location.
- 3) Giralang shops was not identified in the high priority list through this process and as such is not anticipated to receive an upgrade through the next program of local shopping centre upgrades.



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- 4) Upgrades typically focus on improving safety, amenity and function as well as assist with the ongoing commercial viability of the local centres.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA