



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Mark Parton MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Planning Authority and Development at Canberra Casino site

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MR PARTON: All right. Yesterday became aware of an apparent deal between the government and Canberra Casino. And potentially the proponent for redeveloping the Convention Centre. Are you able to confirm if any developments for the Convention Centre site would require amendments to the territory plan?

Mr Green: I am not aware of what that proposal is. So depending on what that proposal entails, without the information, I could not say whether any amendment to the territory plan would be required.

MR PARTON: Well minister, are you able to answer what discussions have occurred involving the government, either the executive or officials, and either the casino operator or a potential proponent for the Convention Centre site?

Mr Steel: I do not believe I have met with the casino. So I can only answer for myself. But I do not think I have met with the casino as my role as planning minister.

MR PARTON: Well, I can close off, Chair, on my line of questions here, by just asking, has any advice been prepared by officials— has any advice been prepared by officials in the last two years relating to the Canberra Casino or the Convention Centre? And if it has, would it be possible to table the advice as well as a list of the briefings, meetings, correspondence?

Mr Steel: I am happy to take it on notice, in as far as it relates to officials within the city and environment directorate.

MR PARTON: Thank you. I appreciate that.

THE CHAIR: And table the details?

Mr Steel: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Yes, great.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The National Convention Centre is located at Block 14 Section 65 City and is currently under an Executive lease, leased to the ACT Government. The City and Environment Directorate (CED) is not aware of any advice, over the past 2 years, relating to the redevelopment of this site.

The Canberra Casino site is located at Block 16 Section 65 City. In 2024, the Territory Planning Authority provided advice and has received development applications (DAs), however, these do not relate to the Convention centre and have not yet been formally lodged. The advice and DAs relate to the redevelopment of Blocks 16 and 24 Section 65 City (Canberra Casino site) and the Crown Plaza Building, at Blocks 2 and 21 Section 65 City.

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Mr Chris Steel MLA