



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City Services

Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: Age Friendly Suburbs

Question received: 18 November 2025

Answer Due: **28 November 2025**

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing in its submission to the 2025-26 budget consultation recommended the extended rollout of the ACT Government's Age Friendly Suburbs Program to create safe and accessible neighbourhoods. This program was not mentioned in the 2025-26 budget.

1. What is the government's plan to ensure the ACT's built environment is safe and accessible for seniors?
2. What is being done "to adopt of a Universal Design Code for the built environment, which will fulfil the universal design principle of the ACT Disability Strategy, address accessibility gaps in the 2022 National Construction Code and contribute in foundational ways to an age friendly city?"

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

1. In 2019, the ACT Government released '*Age-Friendly Canberra 2020-2024*'. This Plan is being updated, which will further embed age-friendly approaches in service design and delivery over the next ten years.
2. The updated *Age-Friendly City Plan 2025-35* will set the vision and priorities for the ACT from 2025 – 2035. Infrastructure standards and projects in the ACT are being designed to consider the needs of all users, including people with disability and older residents by:

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- Applying universal design principles in planning and construction;
- Implementing National Construction Code accessibility provisions for housing and public buildings; and
- Advancing age-friendly strategies that promote safe, inclusive, and connected environments.

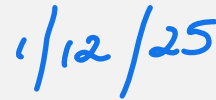
It is important to note that infrastructure standards and projects consider the needs of all users and respond accordingly.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services

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