



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Infrastructure planning report for Belconnen

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Mr Ben Green took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: Just a quick supplementary from me. I think you mentioned that you have done some work around planning in Belconnen area, infrastructure planning?

Mr Green: Yes, so we are looking at the infrastructure capacity right across the territory, and that looks at things like our stormwater. We work with the utility network providers in relation to their capacity with electrical networks and water, and so it is at a very technical level and that work is then used in our strategic plan and planning. Even at the suburb level, that information is shared with Suburban Land Agency, for example, for their projects and other projects across the city.

THE CHAIR: Thank you and is there like a report that is released to the public?

Mr Green: I think they may well be published online. I would need to check that and I am happy to take that on notice. So there could be—there is some information that may well be a security risk to make public so I am not quite sure—

THE CHAIR: Risk, yes. Infrastructure, yes.

Mr Green: —whether it is completely available

THE CHAIR: Thank you very much.

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

The City and Environment Directorate (CED) has undertaken three studies to date on infrastructure networks capacity at the district scale including for Belconnen, Southern Gateway (part of Woden and the Inner South) and the Inner North Canberra. These are high-level technical documents supporting district strategies and other planning initiatives. CED is currently considering the appropriateness and potential security implications, if any, prior to determining whether they can be published in their current form on the ACT Government Planning website.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

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