



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

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: THOMAS EMERSON MLA

Addressed to: CHIEF MINISTER

Reference: KINGSTON ARTS PRECINCT

Hearing: 27/07/2026

In relation to: Kingston Arts Precinct – Geocon Compensation

Question received: 28/07/2026

Answer Due: 11/08/2026

How much compensation did the ACT Government provide to Geocon in relation to the cancellation of its contract for delivering the Kingston Arts Precinct in 2017?

Thomas Emerson

**ANDREW BARR MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The contract for delivery of the Kingston Arts Precinct was signed with Geocon mid-2019. The ACT Government did not pay Geocon any amount as compensation or damages in relation to the cancellation of this contract. A payment of \$550,000 (GST Inc) was made for the transfer of intellectual property rights for the estate design works which were then further progressed by Government.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

Signature:

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA

Date: **10.8.26**