



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 28

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
JEREMY HANSON MLA (CHAIR), DEEPAK-RAJ GUPTA MLA, MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Vicki Dunne MLA -

In relation to: the 2018-19 annual report of the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate – [ref: p78 – Arts Infrastructure Plan]

1. What is the status of development of the plan;
2. When will it be finalised;
3. When will it be released;
4. Who is artsACT consulting on it;
5. What are the current infrastructure priorities;
6. What capital improvements are planned for Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres and Strathnairn Arts;
7. How much is budgeted for these works;
8. What are the timeframes;
9. What “critical” works related to access at Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres are required;
10. What is the budget; and
11. What are the timeframes?

Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. Preparation of the plan has commenced, with preliminary research and consultation phases complete.
2. The report is scheduled to be finalised by end June 2020.
3. A release date has not been set.
4. artsACT has consulted with representatives from arts organisations that occupy government-owned arts facilities including building managers. The Minister’s Creative Council will also be engaged to review the draft Arts Infrastructure Plan.



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5. The ACT Infrastructure Plan details current infrastructure priorities for the whole of the ACT Government. Other priorities specific to the arts portfolio including planning and works at Ainslie, Gorman and Starthnairn Arts Centres, and funding for specialist asset replacement and works across facilities related to the implementation of the Strategic Asset Management Plan.
6. Capital improvements planned for Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres are documented in facility masterplans. Improvements at Ainslie Arts Centre include the refurbishment of the northern wing (rooms 1-5) and landscape works. Improvements at Gorman House Arts Centre include the reconfiguration of internal spaces and public toilet upgrades. Final design, cost planning and delivery staging for these capital improvements are planned for completion in 2020. Final design and cost planning will also be completed for new visitor carparking and a facility entry road at Strathnairn.
7. The total 2019-20 Budget allocation to fund design and works at several arts facilities is \$1.67 million over three years. The final design phase for Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres as well as Strathnairn will be fully funded from this allocation.
8. Timeframes for the completion of the final design phase will be confirmed on appointment of a project delivery team. Procurement of a service provider is scheduled to be completed March 2020.
9. Critical works related to access at Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres include delivering ramped access to buildings to meet current code requirements and removing site trip hazards.
10. The total project budget is \$1.67 million over three years. The total budget available for critical works at Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres will depend on the market pricing of project components.
11. Timeframes for works delivery will be confirmed on appointment of a project delivery team. Procurement of a service provider is scheduled to be completed March 2020.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Ramsay".

Date: 27/11/19

By the Minister for the Arts, Creative Industries and Cultural Events, Gordon Ramsay MLA