



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Suzanne Orr MLA on 22 November 2023: Chris Steel MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS ORR: I do. In the budget there was some funding for community facility upgrades and improvements to ACT government buildings. Can I get an update on how the work for that is progressing? Yes, Ms Holmes might get to have a bit of a break.

Mr Steel: Josh Rynehart to provide some information from ACT Property Group about these upgrades.

Mr Rynehart: Josh Rynehart, the Executive group Manager, Property and Government Insourcing. I have read and acknowledge the privilege statement. Sorry, Ms Orr, you were asking about community facility upgrades?

MS ORR: Yes, the community facility upgrades and improvements to ACT government buildings there was funding allocated in the last budget for.

Mr Rynehart: Yes, so certainly we have a program underway where we are looking at—we are currently undertaking activity related to the Woden and Belconnen community facilities work, working to investigate what their long-term options are relating to those. We will need to have a further conversation with the community around what those outcomes are, but that work is underway this year.

Effectively, what we are looking to do is to take some activity with some of the community facilities as examples of how we can move forward and look at the utilisation of the assets in the best way that we can, noting that over the longer term that as the community need moves and as the demographics shift across the city that we have the best properties in place in the best locations, so we are working through that process as I said to look at the feasibility of upgrades in some locations, as examples about how we move forward in the longer term.

Mr Steel: The specific budget measure goes to a number of other properties where just basic maintenance is required and the work that is continuing in relation to replacing some of the energy systems with more efficient electric systems as well, so we might provide on notice a list of those properties that are being upgraded under that specific measure.

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

CMTEDD - ACT Property Group (ACTPG) Project Delivery 2023-24:

- Over the course of 2023-2024, ACT Property Group (ACTPG) have a planned rollout of infrastructure projects across government and community properties within ACTPG's property portfolio, including community centres, halls, depots, libraries, and childcare centres.
- ACTPG anticipate projects being undertaken at over 24 sites for various works, including roof repairs and replacements, HVAC and electrical board replacements, lift upgrades, painting and kitchen and bathroom refurbishments.
- Approximately \$11 million in funding will be attributed across the 24 identified sites to facilitate capital upgrades, including Grant Cameron Community Centre, Griffin Centre, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre, Causeway Hall, Gordon Community Centre and both the Weston Creek Hub and Weston Creek Community Centre.

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA