



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: FOGO Timeframes and RFP

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MS CLAY: I have got supplements on that one, Chair. Thank you. The Infrastructure Plan: Climate Action, Energy and Environment lists the FOGO project as a 100 to 250 million dollar project so we of course do not know the full cost, but it is in that ballpark; it is quite a lot. How come we are only getting 13 million commonwealth funding for that?

Ms Cheyne: Because of where we are at the stage of the project, so they have provided that through the Healthy Soils Fund and then we need to do the request for — what is the P?

Mr Haraldson: Request for proposals.

Ms Cheyne: For proposal? We need to do the request for proposal. The request for proposal is where we will be able to—once we select a preferred supplier, we will know what the cost is going to be and that is when effectively we can go to the commonwealth for more.

MS CLAY: Right, and at that point do we seek 50-50 funding?

Ms Cheyne: I think is that is still to be determined, but that seems to be the model that has worked pretty successfully for us so far.

MS CLAY: Yes, okay, so ...(indistinct)... [12.52.32]

Ms Cheyne: Correct me if I am saying anything that is wrong.

Mr Cahif: Part of the issue is—sorry, I do not know if I have said. Ashley Cahif, Deputy Director-General, Infrastructure Canberra. Part of the pricing is also the operations and maintenance and there is construction, so it is often that the commonwealth will not fund operation and maintenance components of that. So we will need to see what they will fund.

MS CLAY: You will have clear visibility of which components—when you have that contract in place, you will know which bits are for the construction and which bits are not for the construction.

Mr Cahif: Yes. Yes we will.

MS CLAY: Yes okay. No, that is great to know. So I am interested in the progress. I

think that has slipped again. The RFP is not going out till 2026. Did we say earlier in the piece hear that we would be getting RFPs on this this year? I am pretty sure we did.

Ms Cheyne: Look, so the request for expression of interest closed on 12 August and I guess that was in some ways detail rich in what was received by the directorate and so based on that, we have needed to go away and do some more work before we get to a point of releasing the RFP but given where we are in the year and the time that that has taken and wanting to have regard for suppliers and likely tenderers in the shutdown period, next year looks most likely.

MS CLAY: I think you are realistic. The question was, I am pretty sure we were previously told 2025 RFP.

Ms Cheyne: I would have to check.

MS CLAY: Yes, can you check that?

Ms Cheyne: Sure.

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the question is as follows-

Through the 2024-25 Budget process, responsibility for the planning and delivery of the New Recycling Facility (NRF) and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) facility transitioned from Transport Canberra and City Services to Infrastructure Canberra. This was formalised through the Administrative Arrangements on 8 November 2024.

The FOGO project is being delivered through a two-stage procurement process. On 25 March 2025, an Advance Tender Notice was issued advising of the upcoming first stage—a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)—which was released to market on 30 June 2025. The REOI process concluded on 12 August 2025 with evaluations and shortlisting completed on 16 September 2025. The REOI included advice that the second stage of procurement, the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage, would occur in Quarter 1 of 2026. This procurement timeline remains accurate.

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

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