



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: FOGO facility and Funding arrangements

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The CHAIR: No opening statements today, so I will kick off with the first question.

On page 195 of the Infrastructure Canberra Annual Report, it shows \$26.1 million an increase in the project value of the FOGO facility. It also states that the delivery of the facility is still yet to be decided. Can you walk us through the factors for the increase in cost delivery of the FOGO facility?

Ms Cheyne: I cannot, but someone can.

Mr Haraldson: Yes, the FOGO. Afternoon, Anthony Haraldson, the Executive Group Manager for Transport and Civil, and I have read and understand the privileges statement. Thank you. Thank you for the question. So the FOGO facility, we are still determining some of the timeframes in which that will be delivered. We have just gone out for a request for information or expressions of interest for the project. We have gained some really valuable insights into what the FOGO facility may look like, what industry's experience is with processing food organics and garden organics material. So we are utilising that information to really inform the next stage, which would be a request for proposal stage of the procurement. We expect that to be released in the new year, so Q1 2026, to then work its way through a process where we have actually got three respondents that have been shortlisted as part of that REOI [12.48.12] process. So the RFP will have those three respondents responding to our request for proposals.

Ms Cheyne: I think directly, what is the change in the project value?

Mr Haraldson: Project value, so there has been a number of considerations as part of the FOGO project. 26 million is still there, which is the part contribution from the Healthy Soils Fund, as well as the funding that the ACT government has provided. The difference is—which I am just going to the exact line in the project.

Mr Cahif: Sorry, Ms Castley, could you repeat where the line you are referring to?

THE CHAIR: I have got here page 195.

Mr Cahif: 195?

THE CHAIR: Is that wrong? Projects transferred from TCCS.

Ms Cheyne: No, this is right.

Mr Haraldson: So it has been transferred from TCCS and that is how it has landed into our Infrastructure Canberra domain.

Ms Cheyne: The question is, so those two columns three and four across, the original project value of 3.5? Yes. Okay.

Mr Haraldson: We might have to take that on notice.

Ms Geraghty: I think it is because the commonwealth funding came in, but I will confirm that.

THE CHAIR: Okay, and right, so it is not about an increase. It is just that the commonwealth, who are still half-half—is that is it correct? Is it paid for evenly by the territory and the Commonwealth?

Mr Haraldson: It is 13 from the commonwealth and then the territory has provided additional funding for the delivery. We will have to come back on what the three and a half original cost was. So the 26, which is the 13 million from the Commonwealth, has been in place for a number of years so I believe it potentially is because of the handover or transfer to iCBR. However, we need to take that one on notice too.

THE CHAIR: Sure.

Mr Haraldson: But it is not an increase in project value. There is something else there.

Ms Cheyne: Let us take it on notice and we will tell you how we have arrived at that figure.

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

The funding for the New Recycling Facility (NRF) and the Food Organics/Garden Organics (FOGO) program is sourced from multiple initiative lines. The variation in total project values between the Capital Works report, contained in the Annual Report, and the Budget papers is due to differences in presentation. In the Budget papers, there is one line for NRF and another combined line for FOGO and NRF, both the Capital Works report and the Budget papers create a duplication of new funding across the total project values because the new initiative includes both FOGO and NRF combined.

As this is a presentation matter rather than a funding error, Infrastructure Canberra will revisit the presentation as part of the 2026–27 Budget process.

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

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