



Inquiry into Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries

In relation to: Kingston Arts Precinct

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Answer Due: 2 July 2026

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: There are six arts organisations involved in the project. Are they still interested in being involved in the project given the delay?

Mr Barr: I am not the lead minister in relation to arts engagement—the minister for the arts is—but I will take that question on notice for you.

THE CHAIR: Surely cabinet, though, before delaying a \$146 million project, would have considered whether there were impacts-

Mr Barr: I have no advice that those organisations changed, but I will take it on notice to confirm that for you.

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As at 28 June 2026, none of the six arts organisations involved in the project have indicated they are no longer interested in being involved in the project.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Signature:

Date: 3.7.26

By the Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA