



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Gungahlin open air carpark

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Mr Engele took on notice the following question(s):

MS CASTLEY: Thank you. Is this the correct session to ask about the open-air car parks that are in Gungahlin and the plans for those? Yes, so there are two, one near McDonald's and one behind Big W where there is a current park and ride. Are there any plans to change these in the next two years?

Mr Engele: We will have to check it.

THE CHAIR: Is it the parking lot?

Mr Steel: We might be able to take that one on notice and just check it against the Housing Supply and Land Release Program. We did publish the plan releases for the financial year by block and section number.

MS CASTLEY: And if so then, what are the plans for the park and ride in the Gungahlin town centre?

Mr Engele: There definitely is plans for a park and ride in the town centre. I would have to check the specific blocks, though, against the Land Release Program. So it is the current park and ride and the other open air.

MS CASTLEY: Yes, near McDonalds.

Mr Engele: Yes, okay. We will take that on notice.

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

The open-air car parks referred to are:

- Block 3 Section 232 Gungahlin (behind Big W, currently used as a Park and Ride facility).
- Block 1 Section 228 Gungahlin (near McDonald's).

Block 3 Section 232 Gungahlin is scheduled for release in the 2026-27 financial year in the 2026-27 to 2030-31 Housing Supply and Land Release Program (HSLRP). The Suburban Land Agency (SLA) is currently progressing work to facilitate the release of the site in accordance with the program.

The timeline for the relocation of the Park and Ride facility is currently being investigated.

The SLA is undertaking work to identify a location for a permanent park and ride facility to support the Gungahlin to Belconnen rapid route.

The redevelopment of existing carparks will be considered by the independent Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) through the development application (DA) process. Amongst other things, the Authority will consider the impact from the redevelopment on existing parking within the area. The redevelopment will need to provide adequate parking spaces in accordance with the requirements of the Territory Plan and *Planning Act 2023*.

Block 1 Section 228 Gungahlin is identified as a future development site and will be considered for release in a future year within the HSLRP.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature:



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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA