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Question to the Minister for the Arts and Heritage –

In relation to Dance Space – What is being done in the ACT to increase the number of venue spaces for dance?

Mr Stanhope: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

There are no immediate plans to increase the number of ACT Government-owned artsACT managed dance venues. However, The ACT Government *Dance in the ACT – Strategic Directions Statement 2008-2010* provides a framework for how the ACT Government funds and supports the development to the ACT's dance sector. Included in this statement is the intent to: 'Ensure that the planning, development and management of arts facilities allow for and promote use of the facilities by dance artists/organisations'.

To this end, the Belconnen Arts Centre, which opened in August 2009, includes a best-practice dance studio and includes a sprung wooden (ash) floor. Bookings to the dance studio have been at capacity since before the Centre was opened.

Additionally, work was undertaken in January 2010 to resurface the floor of a dance studio at Gorman House Arts Centre, which is currently utilised by Dance and Aerial Studios.

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