



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into Giralang shops**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**Hearings of 17 June 2021**

Asked by Ms Orr MLA

**MS ORR:** Okay. So considering the lease clause for completion would have been 12 March 2018, I assume extensions have been granted to the completion date.

**Mr Ponton:** I would expect so, I do not know whether Mr Lhuede has an answer.

**MS ORR:** Yes, can you—if you cannot answer this, can you take it on notice? What criteria had to be met for an extension to be granted.

**Mr Ponton:** We can take that on notice, but it is a fairly straight forward process in that, you know, we would look at those sorts of issues that I talked about earlier.

**MS ORR:** Yes, that is fine.

**Mr Ponton:** But again, Access Canberra might just have that one on notice.

**Minister Gentleman MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Under section 298B of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, the time to complete works in the building and development provisions of the Crown lease can be extended indefinitely.

This legislation, which came into effect on 1 April 2014, authorised an additional four years in which to complete a development for Crown leases.

This initial extension of time is granted upon application by the lessee, without requiring lessees to pay additional fees.

Should the lessee require more time in which to complete works, the fifth year and subsequent year's fee is calculated at a rate of one times the land rates over the block.

Under these provisions the completion for Giralang shops was extended until 12 March 2021 at nil fee.



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A letter will be sent with fees associated for the period 13 March 2021 to 30 June 2021, using the above formula on a pro rata basis. This will be sent out at the beginning of July 2021.

Should the lessee wish to continue to extend the time for completion of the development, they will be required to continue to pay extension of time fees to extend their building and development provisions within their Crown lease.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport, and City Services

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA