



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nutall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: CED

Hearing: 12 November 2025

In relation to: SGS Economics Audit

Question received: 20 November 2025

Answer Due: 27 November 2025

SGS Economics and Consulting were awarded a contract to undertake an ACT Community, Recreation and Sports Facilities Needs Assessment and Social Infrastructure Audit.

(1) Can you confirm that the audit has been completed, and provide some details about what the Needs Assessment and Audit is?

(2) Does it cover the entire territory and what stakeholder engagement has been undertaken?

(3) Has engagement with community organisations been part of this work?

(4) What will the report be used for?

(5) Has SGS consulted with Property Group and included the results of this work in the report they are preparing?

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

1. The ACT Community, Sport and Recreational Facilities Needs Assessment and Social Infrastructure Audit (the study) is undergoing final revision. The study consists of two main components:
 - a) **Social Infrastructure Audit:** The audit provides an inventory of existing and funded social infrastructure across all districts (excluding Molonglo Valley and East Canberra). It includes identification of assets delivered by government, community, and private providers, as well as future facilities with confirmed funding.

- b) **Needs and Gap Assessment (based on benchmarks):** This is an assessment of current and future population growth and community needs to identify potential opportunities for the provision of community, recreation and sports facilities to 2051.
2. The study includes all ACT districts, excluding the Molonglo Valley (subject to a separate study) and East Canberra districts. Engagement with internal government stakeholders has been undertaken.
 3. Engagement with stakeholders external to government will occur on relevant strategic planning projects where the inputs of this study would be utilised to inform further analysis, for example on the future community engagement on the Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework.
 4. One of the main drivers for undertaking this work was to improve the data around existing social infrastructure across the Territory and for there to be a high-level analysis, utilising benchmarks, of possible future need. The study provides the ACT Government with improved data and analysis to help to guide future strategic planning, infrastructure delivery, and community engagement. It will support the implementation of District Strategies and identify opportunities for community, sport, and recreation facilities.
 5. Yes.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature:



Date:

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