



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Public Service

In relation to: Public Service and average facility hire costs

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MS BARRY: Thank you, chair. I just have got a question around the cost of community facilities' hire. Do you know what the cost is for hiring EPIC?

Ms Stephen-Smith: So Places and Spaces in Infrastructure Canberra does not manage EPIC; it is managed by Venues Canberra in the Chief Minister's Directorate.

MS BARRY: In the Chief Minister's Directorate. Well, that is all my questions then. What facilities I guess are available for people to hire? Is that you or is that Infrastructure—

Ms Stephen-Smith: Yes. So most of the—so major venues are managed by Venues Canberra, but the smaller community facilities of which there are scores—140 or something.

Mr Khan: So total number of facilities that we have leased out is just 250 under different leases, but then there are those that are available for hire as community venues.

MS BARRY: What is the average cost?

Mr Khan: I would have to take that on notice. It does vary between facilities, and there are different arrangements as well in terms of direct hire from government or through a non-government organisation running the facility.

MS BARRY: Thank you. Would you also be able to take on notice whether there are other additional costs, say for like electricity, water, gas and all of those things, what additional costs they are, if that is all right?

Mr Khan: Yes, we can take that on notice.

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the table below for the hireable venue fees and associated costs for the facilities directly managed by Infrastructure Canberra (*Table 1*).

Table 1

Venue	Hire Fee	Refundable Security Bond	Cleaning Fee	Other Charges
Black Mountain Slipway	- \$200 Launching / retrieving – vessels up to and including 12 Tonne - \$300 Launching / retrieving – vessels 12.1 Tonne and above - \$100 daily hire	Nil	\$150	Nil
Fitters Workshop	- \$500 per day (Mon-Thu) - \$600 per day (Fri-Sun + PH) - \$1,600 (Fri-Sun incl) - \$3,600 (full week) Arts / Community Rate - \$250 per day (Mon-Thu) - \$350 per day (Fri-Sun + PH) - \$850 (Fri-Sun incl) - \$1,850 (full week)	\$300	Included in hire fee	\$200 per hire period for opt-in PLI Insurance cover for individuals and non-incorporated community entities
Former Transport Depot	- \$990 per day (Lower level and foreshore_ - \$990 per day (Upper level)	\$500	Full cost recovery	\$250 per hire period for opt-in PLI Insurance cover for individuals and non-incorporated community entities
Oaks Estate Community Hall	- \$200 per day - \$100 per ½ day - \$300 (Fri-Sun) - \$700 (full week) Community Rate - \$100 per day (Mon-Thu) - \$50 per day (Fri-Sun + PH) - \$150 (Fri-Sun incl) - \$350 (full week)	\$100	Included in hire fee	\$100 per hire period for opt-in PLI Insurance cover for individuals and non-incorporated community entities
Tharwa Community Room	- \$200 per day - \$100 per ½ day - \$300 (Fri-Sun) - \$700 (full week) Community Rate - \$100 per day (Mon-Thu) - \$50 per day (Fri-Sun + PH) - \$150 (Fri-Sun incl) - \$350 (full week)	\$100	Included in hire fee	\$100 per hire period for opt-in PLI Insurance cover for individuals and non-incorporated community entities

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Venue	Hire Fee	Refundable Security Bond	Cleaning Fee	Other Charges
Yarralumla Woolshed	Peak (Jan-Apr & Oct-Dec) - \$600 per day - \$1,550 (Fri-Sun) Off Peak (Jun-Aug) - \$300 - \$750 Mid-season (May & Sep) - \$450 - \$1,150	\$500	Included in hire fee	\$250 per hire period for opt-in PLI Insurance cover for individuals and non-incorporated community entities

Other community buildings not in the above table, that have hireable venues, are managed by community organisations and their fees are available on their respective websites. The list of venues, with links to their websites, is available here: [Hiring a community venue - Infrastructure Canberra](#)

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