



Inquiry into Canberra's Night-Time Economy

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Night-Time Economy

In relation to: City Renewal Authority engagement across ACT

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Ms Tara Cheyne took on notice the following question(s):

MS CARRICK: Is that in Belco?

Ms Cheyne: It is in Belco, yes. And I unfortunately will not be here. But you can go and tell me all about it.

MS CARRICK: No, I might just get jealous.

THE CHAIR: Right, let us not.

Ms Cheyne: Yes. But I think the point I am trying to make is we have countless examples of where that team is actually assisting people to go through the different approvals, processes—and it can be businesses in all sorts of areas. But there are night-time economy ones. There are ones where we need to be assisting with liquor permit approval for a popup, for example. And those things do happen without necessarily having a dedicated authority sitting over the top of them either. And they are probably the stories that we need to be telling more loudly. And perhaps if I can take on notice, I think you are right to point out that CRA features heavily in terms of explaining what that looks like in the city. But I would also reflect that we have businesses that pay a levy for that service level. But that, I do not think that businesses or the community are missing out in the town centres by not having that authority.

MS CARRICK: I do not know.

Ms Cheyne: And I think I can give you some examples that are—

MS CARRICK: Give me some examples of what happens in the Woden Town Centre then?

Ms Tara Cheyne: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Access Canberra Event Coordination and Business Assist (ECBA) team works closely with the licensing and regulatory areas of Access Canberra and across the ACT Government to support event organisers and local business to discover and navigate the various approvals and endorsements relevant to start or grow a business. In the last financial year to date, three events have been coordinated by the ECBA team within the Woden precinct being the ACT Community Sector NAIDOC Week Event, Woden Valley Christmas Party, and the Pedal Power ACT 50th Anniversary Ride. In addition to those events, in the last three months Business Assist supported two businesses to commence operation in the precinct.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation

Signature:



By the Minister for Night-Time Economy, Ms Tara Cheyne

Date:

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