



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: FOGO recycling

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

MS CLAY: Thank you. I would like an update on our recycling services around Canberra. Food and organic recycling. We were originally going to—the Labor government said we would get household food recycling and business food recycling by 2023, that did not happen. In July 2023, the Labor government said they would deliver it by 2026. It is now July 2026 and the last I heard the contract has not yet been signed. Can you tell me where we are up to?

Ms Cheyne: With FOGO?

MS CLAY: Yes.

Ms Cheyne: So FOGO is being delivered through a two-stage procurement process, so the advanced tender notice was issued in March 2025 which advised of an upcoming first stage so a request for expressions of interest which was released to market on 30 June 2025, that concluded on 12 August 2025 and evaluations and shortlisting was then completed. That included advice that the second stage of procurement was expected to occur in quarter one of this year; however, the time now is expected to be in this quarter, so quarter three and I think the other relevant part of this is that the EIS was lodged with the Territory Planning Authority in November 2025.

MS CLAY: So when do you expect FOGO services will be available for households around Canberra and when will businesses be required to do FOGO recycling?

Ms Cheyne: For the ACT household collection, the aim is 2030. In terms of businesses—Minister Orr, does this come into your realm? FOGO businesses. Let me take it on notice.

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

There is currently no date for the introduction of requirements for ACT businesses to have a food waste recycling collection. Opportunities for mandating business food waste separation will be considered in the future and will consider issues such as processing capacity of food organics in the ACT and collection options.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature:



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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA