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**Inquiry into draft variation to the Territory Plan No 344 – Woden town centre, zone changes and
amendments to the Phillips precinct map and code
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by MS CHEYNE:

In relation to: Community Engagement

MS CHEYNE: *Going back to community engagement then and now, I am very aware that the Woden master plan started in February 2014, so time has ticked on. The community engagement report is not online anymore, or at least not at any of the links. But from what is in the master plan and when you were talking about that, it seemed that lots of people who initially engaged wanted more community facilities but not necessarily on that site. Was that during stage 1, when you went out to the community and sought ideas, or was it during stage 2, when you were seeking feedback on the draft?*

Mr Ponton: *That was through stage 1, so the very early stages. That was then developed further as we went through the process of the master plan.*

MS CHEYNE: *Of the approximately 300 people who participated, do you have a sense of the number who said that?*

Mr Ponton: *I would need to refer to the numbers of people that responded to the survey, but, as I said, 79 per cent of people—*

Mr Riches: *I can give you figures. In terms of stage 1, we had “meet the planner sessions” where we went out to the centres to talk to people. We had about 140 people in the first stage and 166 feedback forms were provided. There were also lessee and trader meetings for Woden, which had 39 people. We also had eight individual submissions emailed through. Then on the draft master plan—and this goes back to one of the earlier questions about how many people responded to the question about the town park and the community centres—at the meet the planner sessions we had 161 people, we received 99 feedback forms and we had 24 individual submissions.*

MS CHEYNE: *You obviously do not have in front of you the community facilities feedback based on that engagement. Is there any way of finding out easily?*

Mr Riches: *I think that would be challenging in terms of stage 1. We could certainly provide details in relation to the survey in terms of the number of people that responded and the questions asked.*

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Firstly, I would like to confirm that stage 1 and stage 2 engagement reports are available online on the EPSDD website, under the master plans tab at:

www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/legislation_plans_registers/plans/master_plans/woden_and_mawson_master_plans

The Woden Town Centre Draft Master Plan recommended that community facilities be located in the Woden Town Park (Arabanoo Park), flanking the northern and southern ends of the park and retaining urban open space through the middle of the block. The draft master plan recommended this location to encourage a greater use of the Woden Town Park and to better locate community facilities land closer to public transport, main shared paths, shops and services, and where short stay parking could be provided.

The Woden Town Centre Draft Master Plan survey form included a specific question on the location of community facilities. Almost 80% of the respondents agreed with the proposal and thus it was adopted in the draft master plan.

The question and response is provided below.

The draft master plan proposes to introduce community facilities in the Town Park/Arabanoo Park to provide more activity in the park and to locate facilities close to public transport, cycle paths, shops and services. Do you support the proposal for community facilities in the Town Park/Arabanoo Park?

A total of 90 people responded to this question and were asked if they agree, are neutral or disagree with the proposal, with the following results:

Agree	71 respondents	(79%)
Neutral	14 respondents	(15.5%)
Disagree	5 respondents	(5.5%)

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman