



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

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In relation to: New RSPCA Facility

1. I note the \$1.025 million allocated over a four-year period for early design works for a new RSPCA in the 2021-22 Budget.

What possible sites are currently being investigated for the new RSPCA?

- a. To clarify, is it a relocation of the existing RSPCA in Weston or is it a new RSPCA? When is it expected to move?
- b. How will this new proposed site compare to the current Weston location on a per sqm basis?
- c. Has RSPCA indicated their willingness to move now, given they called a halt to previous relocation plans?
- d. What is planned for the Weston site if the RSPCA move?

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

1. Two sites have been identified as suitable for accommodating the RSPCA facility, these sites are located in Symonston and Pialligo.
 - a. Relocation of the existing RSPCA facility in Weston. Timing of the move is dependent on further progression of concept planning and design, and future budget processes.
 - b. The RSPCA is currently located on a 2.8Ha site. Based on feedback from the RSPCA and concept planning work undertaken, the new facility should be located on a site that is approximately 4.0Ha to meet current and future operational requirements.
 - c. Yes.
 - d. The Weston site will be used for a purpose consistent with its zoning under the Territory Plan.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA