



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into Giralang shops
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Hearings of 17 June 2021

Asked by Ms Orr MLA

MS ORR: Yes. Can the developer continue to seek an extension, what is the criteria for each extension sought, what is the current completion date, and as long as—if there is fees involved, what those are. And I guess this will also be on notice because it goes to Access Canberra by the sounds of it, if there has been fees paid by the developer to extend this lease, the date of those payments, the amount of those payments, whether any have been waived and the reason any waivers or the amount that has been waived.

Mr Ponton: Yes, I would suspect that that would all be on notice.

Minister Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As per answer to QTON No 07:-

Under section 298B of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* the time to complete works in the building and development provisions in the Crown lease can be extended indefinitely.

This legislation, which came into effect on 1 April 2014 authorised an additional four years in which to complete a development for Crown leases.

This initial extension of time is granted upon application by the lessee without requiring lessees to pay additional fees.

Should the lessee require more time in which to complete works, the fifth year and subsequent years fee is calculated at a rate of one times the land rates over the block.

Under these provisions the completion for Giralang shops was extended until 12 March 2021 at nil fee.

A letter will be sent with fees associated for the period 13 March 2021 to 30 June 2021, using the above formula on a pro rata basis. This will be sent out at the beginning of July 2021.



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Should the lessee wish to continue to extend the time for completion of the development, they will be required to continue to pay fees to extend their building and development provisions within their Crown lease.

Extension of time fees may be waived under the *Financial Management Act 1996*.

The *Planning and Development Act 2007* also allows the lessee to submit an application for reduction of extension of time fees or waiver for hardship or external reasons.

There have been no request to waive the fees for the development at Giralang shops. As such, no fees have been waived.

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

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA