



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY  
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### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE** **20 November 2023**

Asked by Ms Castley on 20 November 2023: Ms Cubin took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**The Chair:** Question about public unleased land regulation permits. Access Canberra administers permits for the use of unleased land in the ACT. Table 24 on page 79 of CMTEDD Annual Report shows the number of permits for outdoor dining, hawkers and vehicle verge. Is there a category of permit for people using unleased public land for private fitness businesses, like boot camps and things like that?

**Ms Cubin:** Thank you. Let me just have a look. I am not sure if I have got the breakdown of use just in front of me, but we definitely do know what permits are issued for. Generally, public unleased land we are issuing for outdoor dining. Hawkerc is a little bit different. There are different, I guess, opportunities there. But I think if it is a fitness centre, it might be our TCCS colleagues. I will take it on notice with regards to a potential hawkerc permit, otherwise it might be a matter for TCCS.

**The Chair:** Sure. Personal trainers and other fitness businesses require a permit to use the unleased land, and while some boot camps and other fitness activities use government ovals, there are some now using urban spaces. I am just wondering if you guys are the ones to talk about controls that are in place for these activities, or whether it is TCCS.

**Ms Cubin:** It will be TCCS.

**Minister Cheyne MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

There is no specific permit category for private fitness business, bootcamps or similar to apply to use public unleased land. The application process for public unleased land use is dependent on the activity and the location being sought.

Access Canberra facilitates public unleased land permits for outdoor dining and motor vehicle dealer verge parking permits.

Access Canberra also issues hawkerc permits under the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013* to allow for trade in certain public places. A hawkerc permit is free and allows a business to sell goods and services in a specified location on ACT public unleased land for longer than 30 minutes. There are currently no hawkerc permits authorising fitness activities.

Other permit types are managed by the Transport Canberra City Services Directorate (TCCS). For example, public sportsgrounds are managed by the City Presentation Branch of TCCS and allow interested parties to make bookings directly through the Sports and Recreation website. ACT urban parks are also available for booking through the TCCS website.

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By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA