



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MS FIONA CARRICK MLA

Addressed to: MS RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA, MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

In relation to: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA took on notice the following questions:

Ms Carrick: Given that some of them require maintenance because they are ageing, can you provide the amount of funds the ACT government spent on maintenance in the last financial year and the projected amount for the current financial year? On community facilities leased by community organisations?

Ms Stephen-Smith: I think we can take that one on notice. I think it would take a while to look that up and to answer it. Just in terms of Molonglo and community facilities, you would be aware that part of ACT Labor's election commitment is to support a community club of the future, so a pokie-free venue and that is in the town centre.

I know you said outside the town centre. I have talked about the Child and Family Centre, but more broadly in relation to community services, community organisations and space, one of the things that Labor talked about as an election commitment was working with, particularly, peak bodies and policy related non-government organisations about sharing space with ACT government directorates.

So that is something that we will be working on. We have not that work has not really commenced yet, but I have certainly had some very positive feedback from some of the peaks that that would be a very welcome development for them to be co-located with—

Ms Carrick: Is that like a flexi hub?

Ms Stephen-Smith: So we have not worked through what the detail of that would look like, but co-locating those peak organisations with the directorates with whom they work closely is certainly something we are looking at. And those peak organisations usually are currently located in Places and Spaces facilities.

MS RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA, MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

For the 140 community facilities under the custodianship of Infrastructure Canberra, the maintenance spend in the 2023-24 Financial Year was \$4.59 million. The projected maintenance spend for community facilities in 2024-25 Financial Year is \$4.71 million.

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By the Minister for the Public Service, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA