



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Redirected to: Minister for Planning and Development

In relation to: Woden Town Centre – City Plan Strategy

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MS CARRICK: So I guess, Chief Minister, we have different views about the balance of ambition for the city and the town centres, and so acknowledging that, my constituents have had concern about a number of issues for many years, so I would just like to get a short response for them. So governance, so you have talked about the fact that cities do not succeed by chance and require design, governance and collaboration. So why do the town centres not have an entity like the CRA to undertake holistic planning and develop place plans and invest in activity in the town centres?

Mr Barr: The town centre functions are performed within the City and Environment Directorate. There are district plans and quite detailed elements within the Territory Plans for each part of the ACT. There can also be, as is the case, particular project or district related task forces such as there is for Woden at the moment.

MS CARRICK: So for Woden, in the district strategy, where would it identify a place plan as to where is the entertainment precinct, where is the activity, where are the community facilities? Where would I find that?

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Mr Barr: I will take that on notice for you. We may be able to get an answer inside this session, but obviously it is not in my portfolio, it is in someone else's, but I will endeavour to find that for you.

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

The [Woden District Strategy](#) identifies the location of key activity, entertainment and community precincts through the 'Woden District Strategy Plan' map (Figure 8, p 14), the 'Woden – Economic access and opportunity across the city' map (Figure 12, Page 27), the 'Woden – Inclusive centres and communities' map (figure 15, p.36) and accompanying precinct descriptions (pp. 22–41), which together outline where major civic, cultural and social infrastructure are planned.

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