



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Woden Outdoor Pool and Consultation

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Ms Kate Starrick: took on notice the following question(s):

MS CARRICK: I am referring to the new commitment. So how did you come up with an outdoor pool? Who did you consult with? Because there are a lot of members of the community that want to be able to swim all year round and they have a hybrid, you know, indoor-outdoor type thing; have some indoor facilities, some outdoor facilities. So where did we get this outdoor pool from? Who was consulted with?

Ms Starick: Ms Carrick, I might try in part to answer your question, but we will take part of this on notice. There has been significant feedback through the work that Infrastructure Canberra does, and I do not want to talk for Infrastructure Canberra on the consultation that has already been undertaken around pools, as well as the feedback through—again, I do not want to talk for colleagues in CED, for the Territory Plan Amendment. I will come back on notice with a response—

MS CARRICK: This has not got anything to do with the Territory Plan Amendment.

Ms Starick: I appreciate that.

MS CARRICK: This is the new commitment. And what process did you go through consult with the community to get their views? That is what I want to know.

Ms Starick: And as I just said, I will take part of that question on notice.

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

The ACT Government acknowledged that the current privately leased public outdoor pool site Section 22 Block 2 Phillip will become a 25 metre public indoor facility and this will lead to a gap in the provision of a 50 metre public outdoor pool facility on the southside.

The Government is now progressing options to deliver a Government owned 50 metre public outdoor pool in Woden. Funding (\$250,000) has been allocated in the 2026-27 Budget to undertake site analysis for the new pool and this will include opportunities for community input.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature:



By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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