



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Arts, Creative Industries and the Night-Time Economy

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Faheem Khan took on notice the following question(s):

MS CLAY: You expect them to be renewed and have long-term licences in place by the end of 2026?

Mr Khan: That is the timeframe that we are working to, Ms Clay.

MS CLAY: And can you maybe take on notice for me how many organisations are in this situation and just confirm that you expect all of those will be resolved by the end of this calendar year or tell me if there are some exceptions for particular ones?

Mr Khan: Happy to take that on notice.

Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

There are 11 organisations currently occupying 13 community arts premises under peppercorn licences. Of these, nine organisations have current occupancy agreements in holdover or under review.

All organisations are expected to transition to longer-term arrangements by the end of the 2026 calendar year.

A summary of the Organisations is in the below table

Head Tenant Organisation	Occupying Territory-owned building/s
1. Arts Capital Limited	Ainslie Arts Centre Gorman House Arts Centre
2. Megalo Arts Incorporated	Former Transport Depot (South Offices)
3. Canberra Contemporary Arts Space Incorporated	Canberra Contemporary Arts Space
4. Canberra Glassworks	Canberra Glassworks The Chapel
5. PhotoAccess Incorporated	Manuka Arts Centre
6. Strathnairn Arts Association	Strathnairn Homestead
7. The Stagemaster Incorporated	Street Theatre
8. Tuggeranong Community Arts Association	Tuggeranong Arts Centre
9. Tempo Theatre Inc	Nissen Hut Kambah

Two organisations currently hold active peppercorn licence agreements. These licences will be renewed as part of the current renewal program for a further five years.

Organisation	Occupying Territory-owned building
10. Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated	Belconnen Arts Centre
11. Canberra Potters Society Incorporated	Watson Arts Centre

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Arts, Creative Industries and the Night-Time Economy, Michael Pettersson