



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

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City and Government Services - CED

Hearing: 22 July 2026

In relation to: Woden Library – Needs Analysis

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Answer Due: 06 August 2026

- 1) What population forecasts is the government using to determine the services needed for residents living in the over 5km catchment for the Woden/Weston Creek Library?
- 2) What needs analysis has the government done to future proof the space needed for the growing community and ensure their needs are met into the future?
- 3) What libraries hold events in Canberra's south?
- 4) What events are held at Kingston and Erindale?

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The ACT Government uses ACT Treasury population projections and the District Strategies, together with a range of strategic planning and infrastructure planning inputs, to inform consideration of community infrastructure and services, including library services. Relevant inputs include the ACT Community, Recreation and Sports Facilities Needs Assessment and Social Infrastructure Audit and the Southern Gateway Community Needs Assessment.
2. While a specific needs analysis has not been undertaken for the Woden Library, the ACT Government considers current and future community infrastructure needs through a range of strategic planning processes, specifically the [ACT Community, Recreation and Sports Facilities Needs Assessment and Social Infrastructure Audit](#), and the [Southern Gateway Community Needs Assessment](#). These assessments consider factors such as projected population growth, demographic trends, development activity, access to services, community infrastructure provision, utilisation patterns and emerging community needs. The findings help inform long-term planning for community facilities and services, including consideration of future capacity requirements.

The ACT Government will continue to monitor population growth and changing community needs through implementation of the ACT Planning and Transport Strategy, the District Strategies and ongoing infrastructure planning processes to help inform future infrastructure investment and service delivery decisions.

3. Libraries ACT host regular programs and events across all nine library branches including at southside branches Erindale, Kingston, Tuggeranong and Woden. Regular programs include Giggle & Wiggle, Story Time, Community Corner, Geri-Fit, English Conversation Classes, Lego Brick Club, and Justice of the Peace services. In addition to these regular programs, our library branches host author talks, workshops, school holiday programs, and special events such as National Simultaneous Story and Book Week throughout the year.

Library Branch	No. of regular programs per week
Erindale	5
Kingston	1
Tuggeranong	10
Woden	9

4. Kingston hosts a regular weekly Story Time at 11.15am on Fridays during school terms and participates in school holiday programs as well as events such as National Simultaneous Story and Book Week throughout the year.

Erindale hosts two regular weekly Giggle & Wiggle programs at 10.15am and 11.15am on Tuesdays and a regular weekly Story Time at 10.15am on Thursdays during school terms. Erindale also host Community Corner once a month on a Wednesday. The Justice of the Peace Service runs at Erindale every Saturday from 11am to 1pm. This service will transfer to Tuggeranong Library. In addition, Erindale participates in school holiday programs as well as events such as National Simultaneous Story Time and Book Week throughout the year.

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

Signature:



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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA