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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****11 April 2025****Question No. 322****MS MORRIS MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

1. In relation to commercial land release, what were the specific reasons Block 1 Section 295 Wanniasa (the block) was not released during 2021-22 as scheduled.
2. Was the block released as scheduled in 2022-23, as per the Indicative Land Release Program.
3. Was the block sold upon its release to a private leaseholder.
4. What is the current status of any development, proposed or planned, on the site.

MINISTER STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Indicative Land Release Program 2021-22 to 2025-26 identified the release of Block 1 Section 295 Wanniasa for 2022-2023. As a result of work undertaken in 2022, officials considered in November 2022 that the site could not be released in 2022-2023. Development at the site was assessed as not financially feasible and further work has continued to explore opportunities for potential development at the site.

The site has not been released and the block remains in the ownership of the Territory, and is currently utilised as a carpark under the custodianship of Transport Canberra and City Services. Future release is subject to further Government investigation to align with the government's commitment to enable more housing closer to local and group centres.

2 – 4. See above.



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