

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 724

MS JO CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister City and Government Services

Redirected to: Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries

What pathways are available to both for-purpose businesses and not-for-profit organisations to get help from Government to (a) find appropriately sized spaces for their services and (b) be informed of other in-kind support, like discounted rates.

MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Organisations seeking to lease ACT Government-owned buildings or hire spaces in Government buildings can engage with Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR), which manages community and commercial leases on behalf of the Government.

Access to Government properties is guided by the *Community and Other Tenancies Application and Allocation Policy*, which prioritises community groups over commercial applicants. This policy is currently being updated, with consultation on a new policy to occur shortly through the ACT Council of Social Services.

Forms are available [online](#) for organisations to register their interest in Government-owned space. In addition, information on hiring venues and spaces managed by the ACT Government — including precincts and cultural facilities — can be accessed via the [ACT Government Venues, Spaces and Precincts](#) website.

Community organisations may be eligible for the community rate if they meet specified criteria including holding Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) registration, while other groups (commercial) are offered commercial rates.

The Event Coordination and Business Assist team offer businesses guidance through the application process for events and business proposals. Once the business has identified the appropriate location, the team provides free assistance with permits, licenses and approvals necessary for starting or growing a business.

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ACT Revenue Office provides information about land leased to charitable organisations that is used exclusively for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes
https://www.revenue.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1102955/GEN010.1-charitable-organisations.pdf.

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Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries

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