

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 11

26 September 2025

Question No. 671

LAURA NUTTALL MLA: To ask the Minister for the Public Service

1. Why was the tender process to engage an architect to design the new Woden Community Centre cancelled.
2. How many firms had submitted a tender for the process referred to in part (1).
3. Has the Minister advised the firms who submitted tenders for the process referred to in part (1) that the tender has been cancelled.
4. What is the process to deliver the Woden Community Centre.
5. When will the process referred to in part (4) commence.

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. All tenders received for the Design of the new Woden Community Centre exceeded the available budgeted amount for this procurement. The ACT Government is currently considering a range of options to deliver this project within the available budget.
2. Five firms submitted a tender.
3. All five firms were sent a Letter of Decline advising that The Territory will not be proceeding with the procurement and all were offered a debrief by the Territory. Letters such as this are not sent by Ministers, noting that procurement processes are undertaken at arms-length from Ministers.
4. The Government is considering all available options to deliver the Woden Community Centre. Alongside the option to build a new community centre on the Callam Street, the Government is exploring alternative delivery models.
5. Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) anticipates releasing a request for expressions of interest (EOI) regarding a leased option for an alternative location and building for a community centre in the Woden Town Centre in 2025-26. The EOI responses will inform future decisions about the delivery methodology and timing for the new community centre.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for the Public Service

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