

**Chris Steel MLA**

Minister for Transport and City Services

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Member for Murrumbidgee

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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Questions on Notice Paper No 36**

**27 October 2023**

**Question No. 1484**

**MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) positions are Libraries ACT funded for.
- (2) Are FTE positions funded for Libraries ACT as a whole or is each library given a specific FTE allotment.
- (3) How many FTE positions are currently filled for Libraries ACT and each library.
- (4) How many times, between 1 January 2022 to present, has each library been forced to close early or not open at all due to short staffing.
- (5) How many times did Kippax library close in October 2023, and what was the reason.

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

- 1) 100.57 FTE.
- 2) The FTE is for Libraries ACT as an entire business unit.
- 3) Libraries ACT currently has 88.69 FTE filled.

4) The number of branch closures between 1 January 2022 and 31 October 2023 is below:

Branch	Number of closures
Belconnen	4
Civic	41
Dickson	0
Erindale	40
Gungahlin	0
Kingston	14
Kippax	4
Tuggeranong	2
Woden	0

Please note that several closures identified in this table include the closures of libraries approved by the Minister in early 2022 as a result of staff shortages associated with the outbreak of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Other closures are typically associated with unplanned personal leave.

5) Kippax Library was closed twice in October 2023 due to staff shortages resulting from unplanned personal leave.

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