

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 13

31 October 2025

Question No. 709

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services

1. What is the community consultation and project timeline for the Florey all-abilities playground.
2. How will the Government consult with the community so they can input to the new playground design and development referred to in part (1).
3. What considerations has the Government given to ensure the playground referred to in part (1) is shaded.
4. Which team within City and Environment Directorate will be responsible for delivering the playground referred to in part (1) and will it be designed in consultation with the disability reference group.
5. Has the Government decided which team within the City and Environment Directorate will be responsible for maintaining the playground once it is open.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The following are key dates for the project, including consultation.
 - a. The local primary school, childcare, businesses and residents were letterbox dropped in October 2025, informing them of the project and the location of the playground.
 - b. A design tender was released in November 2025. The open tender is part of a larger package of upgrade works that will be undertaken at nine playspaces across Canberra and includes the Florey all-abilities playground upgrade.
 - c. Project design work is planned to commence in February 2025, contingent on a successful tender process.
 - d. Once the design consultant is engaged, a workshop with targeted key stakeholders including the ACT Office for Disability, ACT Accessibility Reference Group and the Belconnen Community Council will be held during the preliminary design stage.
 - e. The preliminary design will be shared for information on the City Services web page. Further timeline updates will be provided on this page when the consultant is engaged and as work progresses throughout the year.
 - f. In the fourth quarter of 2026, targeted stakeholders will be re-engaged through meetings and or phone calls prior to the finalisation of the design.

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- g. Release of the final design to the broader community will occur once the design is finalised in late 2026.
- h. A construction tender is anticipated to be released at the end of 2026 with construction to commence in 2027 and completed later that year.

2. As above.

3. As part of the design development stage, a shade strategy will be developed. The strategy will be a combination of short- and long-term shade interventions, prioritised amongst the play equipment provision.

4. Infrastructure Delivery within the City and Environment Directorate will be responsible for delivering the design and construction of the playground. The Office for Disability and the ACT Accessibility Reference Group will be consulted during the preliminary and final design stages.

5. City Presentation within City Operations will be responsible for maintaining the new playground.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services

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