

Council Member
Councillor Abrahamzadeh

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Abrahamzadeh will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could Administration advise what working spaces and services (and amenity) are currently available in the City of Adelaide for GIG Economy Workers, as this is a growing part of our city's economy.'

REPLY

1. The gig economy has grown rapidly in Australia leveraging the development of mobile apps or websites to connect individuals providing services to consumers.
2. Typically, gig economy workers are engaged to provide particular projects or tasks and this makes their ability to lease office space in a traditional way problematic.
3. The rise of the gig economy as well as organisations seeking more flexible working approaches has increased interest in alternative leasing arrangements such as co-working spaces. These spaces are leased on hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or even annual arrangements. They provide the flexibility to offer short term hire as well as scale up or down in response to demand for services.
4. Within the City of Adelaide there are more than 20 co-working spaces operating. These include facilities such as Hub Adelaide, WOTSO Workspace and The Innovation Factory. A comprehensive list of these spaces is available on the AEDA website. Some of the co-working spaces cater to specific industries whilst others are general. Most coworking spaces offer amenities such as kitchen facilities, bike storage and wellness rooms. Some complement their hire of space by offering events, workshops and training to people making use of that space.
5. Additional amenities and services, beyond co-working spaces that are accessible to Gig workers in the City of Adelaide include council's libraries and the State Library. Both offer free wi-fi, quiet workspaces, bookable meeting rooms and access to computer and printing facilities.

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