Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by James Milligan MLA -

Ref: CM TEDD Annual Report, Output 3.1, Innovation, Trade and Investment

In relation to: Hotel Investment

1. In the 2017-18 Annual Report hearings, it was suggested that there would be further investment in the sphere of high-end hotels coming to Canberra. Given the Hilton’s proposal for a luxury hotel and ‘World Trade Technology Centre’ was rejected, does the Government still intend to attract high-end hotels in Canberra?
   a. How has the Government promoted Canberra as an attractive location for internationally branded high-end hotels?
   b. Since the 2017-18 Annual Reports hearing, have there been any new developments on high-end hotels in Canberra?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

a. The Government promotes Canberra as a place to invest in hotel infrastructure in a range of ways:
   • face to face meetings with hotel investors on trade missions in key markets;
   • hosting investor familis in Canberra;
   • Tourism Australia’s Investment Attraction Program Group;
   • Tourism Australia’s region tourism investment program; and
   • leveraging the Austrade network and investment promotion outreach.

b. In the 12 months since the 2017-18 Annual report hearings the following properties have opened in Canberra:
   • Deco Hotel Northbourne Ave;
   • Midnight Hotel Northbourne Ave; and
   • Sebel Hotel Canberra.
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By the Acting Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment, Yvette Berry MLA