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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Namadgi National Park Huts Proposal

- (1) Minister are you able to provide an update on the Namadgi National Park Huts Proposal and an outline of the timeline moving forward.
- (2) Why wasn't there any money allocated to this project in the budget?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) The Namadgi National Park Demanding and Max and Bert Oldfield Huts Proposal Listening Report was publicly released in March this year.

The Report summarises the response from Canberra's community through the ACT Government's YourSay campaign and provides overwhelming evidence to suggest the majority of the community are in full support of the Government's proposal.

The Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate is now working with key stakeholders to finalise details relating to construction specifications and interpretation which will include information about First Nations people's culture and occupation.

The Government anticipates a public announcement will be made in due course following ongoing and detailed consultation with Canberra's First Nation people. Planning and detailed design and construction specifications, planning approvals and construction is likely to take 12-18 months.

- (2) Both huts were covered through the Government's insurance policy. The ACT Insurance Authority have agreed to reimburse costs of the proposal. As a result, no additional budget allocation was sought nor required.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

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Date: 2/8/2023

By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA