



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 24 November 2023: Ms Geraghty took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: CIT Woden Project

MS LAWDER: On page 41 the Estimates Committee recommended the government detail the elements of the \$31 million additional expenditure for Woden CIT Major Project within the MPC annual report.

Ms Geraghty: Okay, yes. So on page 120 of our annual report we have the original project value, the revised project value, prior expenditure and current expenditure. So I would note that we are currently working to a project budget of 332 million which relates to the original approved of 322 plus the additional \$10 million that was received from the Commonwealth as part of an investment into the youth foyer. We are on track with that 332 million as a project budget. I think the expenditure—I will have to come back, because I think the expenditure is on track in terms of being able to deliver in terms with the project milestones that Ms Power has outlined.

MS LAWDER: Sorry minister, you mentioned there had been some changes to scope. Could you just—

Mr Steel: Yes, look, one of the change that we made was around the shelter, so I will hand over to Rebecca Power to talk a little bit about that. This is the main shelter abutting the actual building itself rather than the interchange, but it is next to the interchange.

Ms Power: Yes, thank you minister. So as part of the design development and listening to the feedback we received from the community, the awning and connection to the main building out into the interchange was extended considerably, so you have quite a prominent one entry to the CIT and to the urban realm and to the Woden Town Centre, but also that covered space out to the edge of the transport interchange again to provide additional shelter for the patrons.

MS LAWDER: You mentioned that that was one of the elements, the shelter. What are the others? Changes to scope?

Mr Steel: I will hand over to Ms Power to talk about changes to scope since the project was originally agreed.

Ms Power: Okay. We might take that question on notice if you wanted I think every single last change that we have made during the design development plan.

Ms Geraghty: Could we clarify, is that what you are after?

Ms Power: Is that what you are after or just some of the key points that have shifted?

MS LAWDER: Two speaking at once.

Ms Power: If you could clarify the question, the extent of what you are after?

MS LAWDER: So the minister said that part of the additional funding was for changes to scope and then he said one of those was additional shelter, so I am asking what are the others contributing to the change of scope.

Ms Power: Thank you, Ms Lawder. Apologies. So the additional shelters at each intersection out on the main interchange, the funding for those bicycle shelters that was referred to and the public amenities out in the main interchange space. There is funding in there for some of the—I was going to say, I am trying to remember exactly what was extra. It might—

Ms Geraghty: Yes, can I ask that we might just come back to that and we will take it on notice—

MS LAWDER: Sure. Thank you.

Ms Geraghty: —and just make sure we have a detailed answer to you.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

On 25 May 2022, Cabinet approved a revised CIT Woden Campus Project budget. This included funding for:

- Additional shelters at each intersection, secure bicycle shelters and public amenities in the public transport interchange;
- An enhanced weather protection canopy linking CIT Woden Campus and the neighbouring Woden public transport interchange;
- Enhancement in response to community consultation for CIT Yurauna;
- Electric vehicle charging at the CIT Woden Building;
- Improved site safety elements for the public, buses and construction workers through the construction of a temporary interchange, additional site supervision, separation of bus movements and construction workers, improved site fencing, surveillance and lighting; and
- Improved physical interfaces between the new CIT facility and the public transport interchange, including during design and construction with particular emphasis on utilities, shelters and urban realm integration.

Further detail on the CIT Woden Campus Budget is provided in previous Question on Notice (QoN) number 15 from the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2022-2023 and QoN number 40 from the 2021-2022 Annual Report Hearing by the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion.

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