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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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In relation to: Interest on infrastructure debt

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THE CHAIR: Looks like in that table the largest change is public debt management up \$327 million over the forwards. It is a very large change. It looks like about 42 per cent of the net \$775 million increase in expenses. Am I correct in understanding that this expense primary relates to servicing the territory's debt?

Mr Barr: Yes. That would reflect the interest costs on the money borrowed for the infrastructure program.

THE CHAIR: Ms Lee, supplementary?

MS LEE: Yes. How much of that amount is for infrastructure financing?

Mr Barr: I imagine nearly all of it, but I will take that on notice.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Total Territory borrowings comprise short-term and long-term debt securities, Commonwealth Government loans and leases (which include public private partnership contracts and service concession liabilities).

The Government's capital funding requirements, as well as financing the cash requirements for Public Trading Enterprises (PTEs), are mainly achieved through the issuance of debt securities in the domestic capital markets.

The level of outstanding borrowings is influenced by the investment required in infrastructure and assets to generate economic growth and meet the needs of all Canberrans, both now and into the future; and cash liquidity provisions to meet day-to-day and medium-term financial obligations.

Borrowings are not attributed to individual assets or capital items.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA