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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

NICOLE LAWDER MLA: To ask the Minister for Urban Renewal

Ref: CMTEDD: Urban renewal 9.9

In relation to: City action plan - Connect



1. What pedestrian and cycle pathways were upgraded in 16/17?
 - a. How much did these costs?
 - b. Were any of these completed using private sector contributions?
 - c. How much was received by private sector contributions?
 - d. How many private sector businesses contributed to these?
 - e. What initiatives did the government undertake to receive private sector contributions for this?
2. Can you please update us on the status of the design and construction of a pedestrian, cycling and public transport friendly plaza between the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings linking the east and west of the city (City Gateway Project)?
3. What is the status of the 'Ideas for 2017-18'?
 - a. What ideas will be selected to be implemented?
 - b. When will a strategy be developed to implement these ideas?

CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Constitution Avenue Upgrade project was completed within the budgeted authorisations of \$48 million and included pedestrian and cycle pathways. This was completed within budget funding with no private sector contributions. The City Renewal Authority is continuing to explore opportunities for footpath upgrades and other public realm upgrades in partnership with the private sector.
2. The design and construction of the plaza between the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings has been split to coincide with the delivery programs of light rail stages 1 and 2, respectively. Light Rail Stage 1 will deliver an upgrade and widening of the existing verges on Northbourne Avenue outside the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings. Design for these upgrades includes increased pedestrian circulation and outdoor dining space and widened north-south cycle lanes. The design was placed on public exhibition in August 2017 and has since gained National Capital Authority Works

Approval. Transport Canberra Light Rail is presently working with Canberra Metro and ACT Heritage to refine remaining details. Construction is anticipated to commence later in 2018. An upgrade of the median between the buildings is planned to coincide with the design and construction of Light Rail Stage 2.

3. A number of the ideas for 2017-18 are being progressed. For example:
- a. a parking utilisation survey was undertaken in 2016 to inform the development of the City Parking Strategy over the 2017-18 financial year. The City Parking Strategy is being undertaken in conjunction with the review of the Parking and Vehicular Code.
 - b. the Government is refreshing the ACT's transport planning strategy, Transport for Canberra. The Transport for Canberra refresh will consider the ACT's transport network across all transport modes. This will involve consideration of the hierarchy, role and function of the ACT's roads from a strategic perspective. Additionally, Transport for Canberra will investigate complementary measures required to implement the Government's vision for Northbourne Avenue as set out in the City and Gateway Framework, including assessing the classification of Northbourne Avenue. Other roads within the city centre may also require reconsideration of the role and function to deliver an improved people focussed city centre.
 - c. The ACT Government delivered the City Loop which now connects areas of the city. Longer term ideas about transport between key activity nodes will continue to be developed as part of city renewal and the refresh of our transport policy.
 - d. Over 12 months ACT Government has been working with traders in the Sydney Building to develop a consolidated waste solution. This will see the reduction of number of bins in the laneway and a significant return of public realm to allow activation. The project is being repeated with traders in the Melbourne Building. The second stage of this process will look at road network issues. City Renewal Authority is also looking at a pilot program for road treatment in another laneway to facilitate activation.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal

Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister