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

Asked by Alistair Coe MLA -

Ref: CMTEDD Annual Report, Output 8.1, Infrastructure, Finance and Capital Works

In relation to: Major Projects Canberra

1. What input did the IFCW have in the establishment and ongoing arrangements of Major Projects Canberra?
   a. How will the responsibilities be split between the IFCW and the Major Projects Canberra?
   b. What are the reporting lines and who will be the responsible Minister for each project?

2. How will this new agency change the actual delivery and performance projects?

3. What will happen to the public servants at Major Projects once the specific projects they are working on are completed?

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

1. CMTEDD, IFCW, TCCS and Health Directorate representatives were involved in the establishment or transitioning of functions to Major Projects Canberra (MPC).
   a. The capital delivery responsibilities of IFCW were moved to MPC when it was formed on 1 July 2019. These functions include:
      • Commercial Infrastructure Delivery
      • Civil Infrastructure Delivery
      • Social Infrastructure Delivery
      • Secretariat, project support, Chief Finance Officer functions and reporting for MPC
      • Contracts and disputes
      • Prequalification and IRE Certification
      • Superintendent of Works and Active Certification
   b. The Executive Group Managers and Project Directors within MPC report directly to the Chief Projects Officer. The Chief Projects Officer reports to the Head of Service, the Chief Minister as well as the responsible portfolio Ministers for each of MPC’s designated projects. The Minister responsible for each infrastructure project remains unaffected by the establishment of MPC.
2. MPC was established to centralise expertise across government to lead the delivery of significant Territory infrastructure projects, focusing on their planning, procurement and delivery.

By centralising this expertise, MPC can realise synergies across market engagement, systems, resources and consistency in communication and engagement strategies. Lessons learned from each project will better flow across projects, facilitating continuous improvement. A central repository of major projects expertise will also enable the ACT Government to efficiently establish new major project teams.

3. MPC currently have four designated Projects: Light Rail Stage 2, the SPIRE Project, the CIT campus development and the Canberra Theatre project. These projects will be active for the next four to five years and will require a mix of specialists, consultant services and project managers. As outlined in the ACT’s Infrastructure Plan, there are a range of potential major projects in the forward pipeline beyond this four to five year period. MPC will look to utilise or redeploy resources across its designated projects over the life of those projects as required.

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By the Acting Treasurer, Yvette Berry MLA