



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
18 October 2021

Asked by Ms Clay on 18 October 2021: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Chief Minister, I am really pleased that the City Renewal Authority factors into its KPIs community consultation and engagement and we have heard a lot, a lot, from the community about a need for more placemaking. That came up on our first community day, but it has actually come up in a lot of different hearings before this committee. Can you let me know what your budget spend is on community consultations and how you are using those consultations to satisfy this need for greater placemaking and for multistage consultations?

Mr Barr: I will take the dollar figure on notice. It will vary from year to year based essentially on the number of projects or consultations that are being undertaken by the authority at a given time. They have generally involved multi-staged and broad-based community engagement, so for example the engagements around the Lonsdale Street and Woolley Street upgrades in Braddon and Dickson respectively have involved not just tenants, business tenants on the street, commercial property owners, but also residents who live in the immediate area and then who are users of the area, so that means consultation extends broader than just those who are immediately geographically proximate to a particular upgrade or area.

Chief Minister: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The cost of corporate engagement activities last financial year was \$396,301.

In addition to the Authority's corporate level engagement the major project related consultations in 2020–21 included seeking feedback on the designs of the Haig Park Community Centre and Braddon and Dickson streetscape upgrades and continuing to work with owners on the revitalisation of the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings.

Last financial year, the Authority developed a design for a new Haig Park community centre. Consultation on the Haig Park projects, including the community centre and upgrades to paths and lighting cost \$24,500 including GST.

In March 2021, the Authority commenced a seven-week community consultation on the preliminary sketch plans for the proposed Woolley Streetscape upgrade in Dickson. Feedback on the streetscape designs was received via an online survey, doorknock with traders, two pop-up sessions, and meetings with local stakeholders.

Using community feedback and working with other government agencies, the project has progressed to final sketch plans. This project is proposed to commence construction in early 2022. Consultation on this project cost \$32,830.

In April 2021, the Authority invited community to have their say on a new streetscape design concept for Lonsdale Street, Braddon. Feedback on the draft proposals was received via an online survey, doorknock with traders, two pop-up sessions, and meetings with local stakeholders. The engagement was promoted through local media and newsletters, flyer drop to 12,000 local residents and businesses, social media advertising, direct emails, and signage on the street.. This project is scheduled to start construction in early 2022. Consultation on this project cost \$49,155.

Through 2020–21 the Authority continued to engage with owners, businesses and the ACT Heritage Council to finalise the revitalisation plan and conservation management plan for the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings at a cost of \$27,248.

All figures listed above are GST inclusive.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr