STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by LEANNE CASTLEY MLA:

Ref: Communication and Community engagement, CMTEDD 1.3, Coordinated Communications and Community engagement page 43

In relation to: Neighbourhood Democracy Pilot

Topic: Neighbourhood Democracy Pilot, p43
Under the sub-heading '*Future direction*' (p43) dot point four refers to "*design, deliver and evaluate a Neighbourhood Democracy Pilot to … improve local community connections and resilience.*"
Questions:
1. Where is the research saying we need a Neighbourhood Democracy Pilot?
2. What has prompted this?
3. Tell me about the pilot – where is it? How long? How much did it cost? How will it be evaluated? What are you looking at beyond the pilot? Are you looking at Neighbourhood Democracy initiatives in all suburbs?

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Fostering Neighbourhood Democracy Pilot is a commitment of the *Parliamentary and Governing Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly*. Canberrans have, through many forums, demonstrated a willingness to be involved in public consultation and engagements regarding Government service delivery. This pilot will add to the many ways in which Canberrans can contribute to the work of the ACT Government.
2. The Fostering Neighbourhood Democracy Pilot is a commitment of the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly.
3. As a Parliamentary and Governing Agreement item, the pilot will be delivered during this term of Government. Details of the pilot will be made available once funding has been agreed.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender Equality

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA