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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 27 July 2023: Mr David Clapham took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS CLAY: Chief Minister, can you give me a brief update on what is happening with the Monaro Rail Trail, and in particular, whether you are working with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Snowy Monaro Council and the New South Wales government? Probably mostly are you engaging, and when was the most recent engagement?

Mr Barr: Mr Clapham might be able to update on that work.

Mr Clapham: Thank you for the question. David Clapham. I am the Executive Branch Manager; Regional, Infrastructure, Planning and Transport in Policy and Cabinet. There is not, I would not say, current engagement with Snowy Monaro Regional Council on the Monaro Rail Trail, however we have met—I will have to take the date on notice; I do not know when I did meet—have met with the Monaro Rail Trail organisation and have discussed it with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

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

There is no current engagement on the Monaro Rail Trail.

Following representations to the Chief Minister from the Snowy Monaro Regional Council, CMTEDD – represented by Policy and Cabinet and VisitCanberra – met with representatives of the Monaro Rail Trail Committee to discuss the proposed rail trail on 11 May 2022.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council and Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

The ACT Government understands that the Monaro Rail Trail Committee was at that point developing a Trail Development Plan to support funding applications to NSW Councils and NSW Government.

The ACT Government remains supportive in-principle of improved cycling tourism infrastructure in the Canberra region and stands ready to continue to engage with the Monaro Rail Trail Committee as opportunities arise.

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Signature: 

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By Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA