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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City Services

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In relation to: duplication of William Hovell Drive funding from previous budgets

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MRS KIKKERT: What about in previous budget years? The 2021-2022, 2023-24 budget years also had the commonwealth government contribution of exactly the same amount. I doubt anything of that money was spent in the last two years, so is that new money, or is that money that the commonwealth government actually committed to the ACT government two years ago and now you are just recycling it?

Ms Cheyne: No, it is additional money, but Mr Fitzgerald can speak to that.

Mr Fitzgerald: Yes, so that is additional money; a matching contribution from the commonwealth of fifty-fifty for the project costs.

MRS KIKKERT: Could you then put on notice where the previous \$26.5 million from previous budget statements went to, because William Hovell Drive has not been duplicated? Also, just quickly so Jo can have her time, when is the William Hovell Drive duplication planned to be constructed? The beginning of it?

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The William Hovell Drive Duplication project was funded in the 2021-22 Budget and comprised \$36.25 million in ACT Government capital contribution and \$26.5 million in Australian Government capital contribution (totalling \$63.25 million).

The 2023-24 Budget provided an additional \$44 million bringing the total budget allocation to \$107.25 million. The Australian Government agreed to share the funding requirements 50:50 with the ACT Government through the 2024-25 Australian Government budget, confirming the contribution of both parties to this project to be \$53.625 million in capital funding.

Procurement for construction is due to commence once the planning and environmental approvals are finalised and incorporated into the tender documents. Once the contractor is engaged, they will be required to seek approvals for Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Land Management Protection Plan (LMPP).

On this basis, the procurement of the construction contractor is planned to occur in the coming months, with major construction to commence shortly after the appointment of a contractor.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

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30/7/24

By the Minister for City Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA