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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

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In relation to: Functional asset purchases

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Answer Due Date: 6 August 2024

MS LEE: Over the forwards, there is \$15 million cut to public safety, \$57 million cut to health, \$20 million to education and \$156 million to transport. This table does not seem to be limited to functional areas. Can you provide the committee with a bit more of a detailed breakdown of the functional asset purchases over the forwards, similar to what has been undertaken in 4.2.6?

Mr Barr: Sure. We can do that.

Mr Hocking: This is capital spending.

Mr Barr: Yes.

MS LEE: Is that taken on notice?

Mr Barr: You are talking about the capital non-financial assets by function?

MS LEE: Yes.

Mr Barr: Just to be clear about exactly what you are asking there, these are non-financial assets.

MS LEE: Yes, so it talks about a purchase of non-financial assets by function, but it only just has the areas. Let us put it this way: do you have any further breakdown in terms of—

Mr Campbell: The capital works program online would probably be the best source for that.

Mr Hocking: Yes, there is an online database of capital. There is also a detailed table—I am not sure

if it has got the same definition as the table you started with, but there are detailed tables of the general government sector capital works program by directorate on pages 250 and 251.

MS LEE: Just confirming that that is the totality of the information that is available for that?

Mr Campbell: Yes, that will give you the capital by line item. We can capture that in response to—and point you to the right database.

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

1. Reductions in sector allocations do not reflect cuts to funding but rather the acquisition of new assets or improvements to existing assets. Asset purchase decisions are discrete and can result in variations in annual estimates corresponding to operational decisions to acquire new, or improve existing, assets.
2. The detailed project Funding behind the numbers outlined in your question is located under the Infrastructure Investment Program on the Budget Papers website at <https://www.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/budget-2024-25/budget-papers/infrastructure-investment-program>.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA