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FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 142

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

Ms Nicole Lawder MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy

Redirection: N/A

Reference: Night Time Economy

Hearing Date: 31/07/2024

In relation to: Night Time Economy public safety

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Answer Due date: 08/08/2024

- 1) Given the night-time economy commits to the development of a Night-time Vulnerability Assessment of the City Centre as an action for July 2024, Minister, has this been completed?
- 2) Have any initiatives or actions been identified as part of the Vulnerability Assessment, if so what? And have the cost and funding for any been included in the 2024-2025 budget?

TARA CHEYNE MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) The Night-time Vulnerability Assessment of the City Centre report (Report) was completed in April 2024.
- 2) The Night-time Vulnerability Assessment of the City Centre was undertaken to identify and analyse the existing built and natural environment features that enhance actual safety and the perception of safety in public spaces. The Report recommended a series of projects and programs drawing on safety principles including lighting, sightlines, active frontages, building maintenance, climate, and path maintenance that could be utilised as opportunities for improvement to perceptions of safety in the city centre.

The Report has been circulated to ACT Government directorates including the City Renewal Authority and Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to support and inform their works programs.

Through the 2024-25 budget, funding was provided to TCCS to enhance programs related to the Report's recommendations including the delivery of active travel infrastructure and maintenance improvements and continuation of ACT's infill lighting program to improve safety.

This included funding for an addition of 10 new Full Time Equivalent staff to undertake path maintenance works, under the active travel infrastructure and maintenance improvements program, which will improve City Services ability to address path related defects across the ACT, including for the city centre.

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

Signature: 

Date: 12/3/24

By the Minister for the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy, Tara Cheyne MLA