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Inquiry into the ACT Planning Strategy 2018 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 29 April 2019



Asked by Mark Parton:

In relation to: Cross – budget Infrastructure funding model

MR PARTON: All right. While we have got you with your infrastructure hat on here, page 49 and page 50 refers to the cross-border infrastructure funding model. What exactly is the cross-border infrastructure funding model? When did it commence? Does it have a budget? What jurisdictions have contributed to that budget?

Mr Paynter: I am not familiar with that. I am familiar with some portions of it specific to water supply and transport, but I might have to defer that to somebody else, actually.

Mr Gentleman: We might take that on notice, Mr Parton. Come back to you with the detail.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The cross-border infrastructure funding model seeks to create a consistent approach to infrastructure funding and delivery in a cross-border setting. It has a foundation in both the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036 (2017) and the ACT and NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration (2016).

Progress on the funding model is the subject of ongoing discussion and negotiation between the NSW and ACT Governments and the NSW Cross Border Commissioner. There are a number of complex issues for consideration including the differing governance, planning and budgetary systems of NSW and the ACT.

The funding model is being progressed as part of the usual business of the Directorates concerned. The project is predominantly being led by the NSW Government in consultation with the ACT Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, with input from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

The ACT Planning Strategy 2018 recognises the importance of ongoing collaboration between the ACT and NSW Governments to support regional development, particularly the need to work with the NSW Government in progressing actions set out in the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan and under the Memorandum of Understanding. The action in the Planning Strategy is specifically:

*Action 1.4.1 – Progress joint ACT and NSW planning actions identified in the NSW Government’s South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036 including an agreed set of principles to inform a new **cross-border** infrastructure funding model and a **cross-border** land and housing monitor’ (see page 50, ACT Planning Strategy 2018).*

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