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**QTON No. 4**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY  
MARISA PATERSON MLA (CHAIR), ANDREW BRADDOCK MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), LEANNE CASTLEY MLA

**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**2 March 2021**

Asked by MS CASTLEY:

In relation to: Cost of Mulligans Flat Facility construction

**MS CASTLEY:** And will it be—are we expecting that school groups will go through, what is the learning centre for?

**Mr Walker:** So the woodlands and wetlands trust in partnership with the government provide the opportunity for nature-based tourism experiences and that includes access to the sanctuaries for school children, for other visitors, particularly trying to pick up on the market that exists at night.

As you would know, most of our mammals and other species in Mulligans come out at night time, so it is about how do we provide access in a safe, constructive way to give people a sense of what is in our significant woodland areas like Mulligans Flat.

And the learning centre will be a point of focus for the community and also provide some, you know, coffee, those sorts of ancillary benefits, as well as providing education for the community of the ACT.

**MS CASTLEY:** And what is the cost of the project?

**Mr Walker:** I will have to take that question on notice, as I said, the project is being managed by the trust and do not have that number handy.

**MINISTER VASSAROTTI:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACT Government has provided \$1.459 million administered as a Deed of Grant between the ACT Government and the Woodlands and Wetlands Trust (the Trust). The Trust is registered with the Australian Charities and not for profits Commission. The Trust uses the services of the Public Trustee of the ACT to manage its funds. The Trust has secured matching funding to deliver the Learning Centre.

The purpose of the Mulligan Flats learning centre is to provide a facility to focus the delivery of nature-based tourism and education programs to connect people with nature.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA