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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
3 March 2022

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA on 3 MARCH 2022: JENNY PRIEST took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: UNSW Community Consultation Report

MS LEE: Thank you for that time line. The annual report refers to there being wide-ranging support for the development. I understand that the university carried out the consultation. Has the government received any feedback or consultation on that report, and what were the findings?

Ms Arthy: The government has received the master plan, which included the outcomes of the consultation. I have not got that in front of me. We can take that on notice, unless Ms Priest has it. As I said, there is widespread support. UNSW did a lot of work, particularly with the surrounding residents, because they were really conscious that they wanted to make sure that, whatever the development, it was in keeping with the surrounding community, particularly keeping the heritage strip intact. They were, as I say, the main support. Ms Priest, any other insights?

Ms Priest: I think that is right. Community engagement did show wide-ranging support for the draft master plan. As you have already referred to, that was undertaken by UNSW, who are leading the work obviously on their master plan. There is continued support for the campus. The movement of cars, cycles, pedestrian traffic, interaction with neighbouring areas and the cultural and environmental sustainability of the campus were identified as the key themes coming out of the consultation, but certainly with that sentiment of ongoing and large support.

MS LEE: Would you be able to provide a copy of that for the committee?

Ms Arthy: Can we take that one on notice, because I am not sure?

Ms Priest: We can take it on notice, and I will have to go and just review what it is up to on the UNSW website. But they were pretty good at publishing information on the outcome of their engagements and consultations. We will take that on notice, but that would be the place that we would first check.

Ms Arthy: That is right, yes. It is not our document. We will have to go back to the UNSW about where it is at.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

As noted on their website, UNSW Canberra has undertaken two rounds of community consultation to date. The first was held in March 2020, where the University ran a series of community consultation activities designed to seek constructive ideas to inform the campus Master Plan. The second was held in March 2021 for feedback on the draft Master Plan.

Copies of feedback and consultation reports prepared by UNSW Canberra are publicly available online at: https://canberra.unsw.edu.au/the-campus/faqs/#1611805259838-d341b946-6856

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