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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for the Environment

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In relation to: ACT Climate Adaptation for Nature

1. When will the ACT Climate Adaptation Strategy for Nature be publicly available?
2. What consultation will be conducted in the formation of this strategy?
3. Will it include any KPI's or timeframes for particular recommendations?

REBECCA VASSAROTTI MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Development work on the ACT Climate Adaptation Strategy for Nature commenced in January 2022. The Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate has established governance mechanisms to provide a coordinated approach between stakeholders.

An initial “kick-off” symposium on Climate Adaptation in the ACT was held on 30 April 2022, in collaboration with the Australian National University (ANU), CSIRO, University of Canberra (UC) Centre for Biodiversity Analysis and the ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Resilience. The purpose of this workshop was to expose stakeholders to leading research on climate adaptation to increase understanding of options and pathways for adaptation and increase staff ability to engage in focused adaptation planning. All presentations and summaries from the workshop are available at [Climate Change Adaptation for Environment and Heritage in the ACT | Centre for Biodiversity Analysis \(anu.edu.au\)](https://climatechange.adaptationforenvironmentandheritage.act.gov.au/)

Extensive discussions and consultations with the CSIRO, a recognised global leader in institutional adaptation, has identified that the development and implementation of this framework is likely to be an ongoing, multiyear iterative learning process, in which existing policy and program teams are assisted to embed adaptation firmly within their programs, planning and deliverables.

Existing global and national frameworks for climate adaptation and an agreed a list of derived principles for effective adaptation to be adopted in the Adaptation Strategy for Nature have been reviewed. Two collaborative “program logic” workshops were held in July/August 2022 to map out key outcomes and the strategies to achieve them.

Next steps on the Climate Adaptation Framework for Nature include:

- Finalising the program logic stemming from the workshops;
- Development of a concise program overview document to frame and guide the work, which will emphasise the role of continual learning and review; and
- Development of the first year's project plan and the identification of resource and support requirements.

The program overview document is envisioned to be finalised by the close of 2022. Consultation on this document will be undertaken, but the exact scope and scale of this consultation is still to be settled. The inclusion of including KPIs and recommendations in the final strategy will be determined as the work progresses.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: 

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By the Minister for the Environment, Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA