



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2022 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2022 (No 2) **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Ms Kikkert MLA to ask the Treasurer

Ref: 2022-23 Budget Review, pp. 77, 97-97

In relation to: 2022-23 Budget Review: Kippax

1. How much of the 'additional funding' included on p. 77 of the Budget Review has been earmarked specifically for 'Kippax Shopping Centre improvements'?
2. In detail, what are these planned Kippax Shopping Centre improvements, and when are they planned to be completed?
3. What specific 'feasibility, infrastructure planning, site servicing and enabling works to support land release and urban renewal projects in ... Kippax' are being 'progressed through the Capital Works Program', as noted on pp. 96-97 of the Budget Review?
4. What is the projected timeline for each of the feasibility, infrastructure planning, site servicing and enabling works referenced in question 3?

Mr Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. \$525,000 (Ex GST) of the additional funding has been allocated specifically for the Kippax Shopping Centre Improvements.
2. The improvements will include direct pedestrian links between the currently separated commercial centres on either side of the large carparks, and the following improvements along the section of Hardwick Crescent between Luke Street and the service station:
 - Wider and improved (verge) shopfront pavement, allowing space for outdoor cafes and public outdoor furniture
 - Increased accessibility along shopfronts
 - An enhanced streetscape with new plantings and landscaping
 - Increased amenity, including a new bike rack and rubbish bin
 - Improved safety for pedestrians with new pedestrian crossings and lighting improvements

These improvements are currently scheduled to be complete in late 2023.

3. Funding has been provided for Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to reactivate playing fields and associated infrastructure as enabling works when land in Kippax is released for development.

The replacement playing fields are east of the group centre and includes a large part (1.9 hectares) of the Holt District Playing Fields. Reactivation of a 1.8 – 2.0 ha area on the corner of Moyes Crescent and Starke Street has been identified in the Master Plan.

General facility upgrades include construction of new sportsgrounds, installing new sportsground irrigation system, installing new LED sportsground flood lighting systems and construction of a new amenities block and multipurpose room.

Funding has also been provided to TCCS to undertake feasibility and design for a new skate park at Kippax to replace the existing mini ramp adjacent to the Group centre.

4. Construction commenced in the last quarter of 2022 and is progressing as forecast. The sportsground reactivation and construction program is anticipated to be completed and available for sporting use in mid-2023.

The skate park feasibility and design is expected to be complete by the end of 2023.

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Signature: 

Date: 10. 3. 23

By the Treasurer, Mr Barr MLA