



Inquiry into Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

In relation to: Project budgets

Hearing: 16 June 2026

Proof Transcript pp 190-191

Transcript provided: 25 June 2026

Answer Due: 2 July 2026

Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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MR COCKS: That is helpful. The Auditor-General highlighted some concerns around the information that is contained in those reports. Essentially, he has suggested that what is in this report—and it looks like this to me—is not enough to really assess whether the large projects, the over-\$10-million projects, are proceeding in line with their original budgets, because there are no details around initial project budgets or the own-source revenue contributions that you mentioned earlier. Have you made any changes or is there any intention by the government to provide that level of information?

Mr Barr: It is a matter I would need to discuss with the Treasurer as he tables these reports and they are prepared in his agency, but, if the Auditor-General has raised that, I am sure there will be a government response to that audit report. I will take that question on notice in that we will provide a response to the specific issue that the Auditor-General has raised.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Comprehensive information on the delivery of the Territory's infrastructure investment program is provided through quarterly capital works progress reports and the online infrastructure pipeline database.

As acknowledged in the ACT Auditor-General's Financial Audit Report No. 7 of 2025, *2024–25 Financial Audit Program – Overall Results*, future capital works progress reports will include more detailed reporting on milestone progress integrated with expenditure for significant projects.

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Signature: 

By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA

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