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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2015-16

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by MS Lawder on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 23

In relation to Unsolicited Bids:

**MS LAWDER**: So perhaps leaving aside the Chief Minister's talkback examples are you able to give any examples of proposals that have been received and evaluated? What kind of thing we are talking about?

**Mr Nicol**: Could we take that on notice? The only thing I am concerned about is whether the proponents wish things to be made public that have not gone through the process, but we might see how we can—because I would be very happy to give that information out. I just want to check with the proponents.

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

The Unsolicited Proposals framework was established in early 2014. Bids that have been received via the Treasury administered process include the following areas:

- Provision of major infrastructure
- Power generation
- Infrastructure funding
- Provision of government services
- Urban redevelopment

The unsolicited bid framework managed by Invest Canberra (the Investment Proposal Guidelines program), provides a mechanism for unique and innovative ideas from the private sector that have potential to provide economic development opportunities to be facilitated in a streamlined manner.

Invest Canberra has facilitated 11 unsolicited bids through the Investment Proposal Guidelines program since the program opened in 2014.

As would be expected, not all of the unsolicited bids submitted under the Investment Proposal Guidelines program have progressed, a number remain in the advanced stages of process and consideration by the Government.

The Investment Proposal Guidelines program is 'commercial in confidence' by design and details of submissions are not released publicly while the assessment process is in progress unless with the joint agreement of the proponent and the Government. This is designed to encourage proponents to submit ideas. Where proposals are subsequently implemented the Government will release information about each project in line with Government reporting requirements.

Two projects are in the public domain through announcements by the proponents:

1. Academy of Interactive Entertainment – proposed $42 million development over 10 years to develop an education and employment hub to position the ACT at the centre of the growing interactive gaming and entertainment industry.
2. Aquis Entertainment - proposed $330 million investment to redevelop the Canberra Casino and surrounding area to create an entertainment, dining and retail precinct.

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**
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**INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2014–15**
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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 23-24

In relation to fees and charges:

**THE CHAIR**: In regard to government revenue is it possible to get a list of what all the different revenue lines are, including all the different fees and charges and how much was collected against each of them in the last financial year?

**Mr Nicol**: Yes, I mean I would start with the budget papers—

**Mr Barr**: I was going to say yes, there is a quarterly—

**THE CHAIR**: But the budget papers say "charges". It is a big block and it covers hundreds—

**Mr Nicol**: I think we can, we will see what we can get you. The full list runs to many, many pages because—

**THE CHAIR**: I like reading.

**THE CHAIR**: And the revenue is collected? Is it possible then to work out—

**Mr Nicol**: I think we consider them in two groups. One is a tax, which is revenue for general government services, the other is a fee which is generally a user charge for a particular service.

**THE CHAIR**: Well, all taxes, fees, fines, charges.

**Mr Nicol**: Yes we will do it.

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

1. The table below shows the breakdown of taxes, and revenue from sale of goods and services which include fees, fines, and charges collected by the Government in 2014-15.

**Table 1**

| **Breakdown of 2014-15 ACT General Government Sector Taxation and Sale of Goods and Services Revenue** | **2014-15 Actual $' 000** |
|---|---|
| **Taxation Revenue** | **1,376,763** |
| Ambulance Service Levy | 18,986 |
| Casino Tax | 1,837 |
| City Centre Marketing and Improvement Levy | 1,821 |
| Conveyancing | 214,987 |
| Energy Industry Levy | 1,737 |
| Fire and Emergency Services Levy | 44,047 |
| Gaming Machine Tax | 33,074 |
| General Insurance Stamp Duties | 23,375 |
| General Rates | 375,435 |
| Hiring Duty | 2 |
| Land Tax | 96,282 |
| Lease Stamp Duties | 1 |
| Lease Variation Charge | 11,409 |
| Life Insurance Stamp Duties | 1,776 |
| Lotto and NSW Lotteries | 13,395 |
| Motor Vehicle Registrations | 110,767 |
| Motor Vehicle Rego and Transfers Stamp Duties | 30,224 |
| Network Facilities Tax | 26,567 |
| Other Taxes - Revenue | 10,130 |
| Payroll Tax | 359,910 |
| TABCORP Annual License Fee | 1,000 |
| **Sale of Goods and Services** | **475,473** |
| Ambulance (DVA) | 1,116 |
| Ambulance Transport Fees | 4,335 |
| Application Fees - General | 1,458 |
| Boarders - Residences | 1,003 |
| Casino Licence Fees | 4,974 |
| Court Fees | 3,298 |
| Cross Border Receipts | 91,906 |
| Development Application - Design and Siting | 4,153 |
| Drivers' Licences | 9,456 |
| False Fire Alarm Fees | 1,525 |
| Fees for Regulatory Services | 33,483 |
| Fire Alarm Monitoring Fees | 1,836 |
| Implanted Prosthesis | 2,590 |
| Inpatient Fees - Compensable (Other) | 1,043 |

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| Inpatient Fees - Compensable (Third Party) | 3,222 |
| Inpatient Fees - Compensable (Workers' Compensation) | 2,074 |
| Inpatient fees - Day Ordinary Private - Band 1 | 1,198 |
| Inpatient Fees - Non-Eligible | 4,007 |
| Inpatient Fees - Ordinary Private (Insured) - Shared Room | 8,086 |
| Inpatient Fees - Ordinary DVA - Hospital Services Revenue | 10,965 |
| Inpatient Fees - Ordinary Private (Insured) - Single Room | 2,593 |
| Inspection Fees | 1,233 |
| Inventory Sales - External Clients Supply Issues | 11,818 |
| Land Title Fees | 5,246 |
| Licence Fees | 2,133 |
| Liquor Licences Annual Renewal Fees | 2,440 |
| Miscellaneous | 16,652 |
| National Contributions Jervis Bay etc | 4,683 |
| Notice of Intentions | 12,791 |
| Other Fees for Service | 5,286 |
| Other Labour Market | 1,380 |
| Other Licence Fees | 1,250 |
| Other Revenue | 1,180 |
| Other User Charges - Non ACT Govt | 10,010 |
| Others (**please see Table 2 below for further details**) | 27,802 |
| Overseas Student Tuition Fees | 16,012 |
| Parking Fees | 15,666 |
| Pathologists | 12,433 |
| Pathology Services | 5,295 |
| Payout Concessions | 1,690 |
| Pre Prepared Meals | 1,000 |
| Private Practice Fees | 19,488 |
| Regulatory Service Fees - Other | 3,840 |
| Rent from Tenants | 7,419 |
| Road Rescue | 2,584 |
| Salaried Specialists Private Practice | 14,158 |
| Sale of Other Goods and Products | 28,189 |
| Student Enrolment Fees | 10,745 |
| Taxi Licenses | 1,074 |
| Tip Fees* | 3,958 |
| Training Course Income - External Participants to ACT Govt | 15,341 |
| Training Courses (Labour Market) | 1,148 |
| User Charges - ACT Government - Revenue | 17,206 |
| **Grand Total** | **1,852,236** |

Note:
* Tip Fees included Carcass removal fee of $14,217.91 for 2014-15.

Table 2

| Breakdown of Others | 2014-15 Actual $' 000 |
|---|---|
| **Total Others** | **27,802** |
| Access/ID Cards | 27 |
| Accommodation Management Revenue | 1 |
| Accommodation Rental | 68 |
| Accommodation Revenue | 227 |
| Account Keeping Fees - General | 6 |
| ACT Building and Construction Training Board | 37 |
| Administrative Surcharge | 3 |
| Agistment | 71 |
| AMRU Ambulance Services | 417 |
| Application for Order | 1 |
| Architects Board | 110 |
| Authority's consent to Transfer a Lease | 146 |
| Biomedical Services | 3 |
| Births, Deaths and Marriages | 497 |
| Book Sales and Recoveries | 13 |
| Breast Screening | 46 |
| Breathing Apparatus | 5 |
| Brothels and Escort Agencies | 4 |
| Building Conveyancing Reports | 642 |
| Cafeteria Receipts | 775 |
| Camping | 132 |
| Car Parking | 22 |
| Catering Revenue | 511 |
| Certified Plans for Buildings | 12 |
| Certifier Fees and Charges | 166 |
| Community - Fee for Services Jervis Bay Services | 50 |
| Community - Fee For Services Other | 354 |
| Community Borrower Fees | 7 |
| Compliance Certificates | 102 |
| Conveyancing Enquiries | 808 |
| Copyright | 6 |
| Court Costs | 312 |
| Court Transcripts | 25 |
| Damage to Streetlights | 568 |
| Damage to Traffic Lights | 101 |
| Dangerous Goods | 8 |
| Dangerous Substances | 83 |
| Deeds of Trust | 2 |
| Desktop - Handset Rental | 4 |
| Desktop - Usage Charges | 3 |

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| Develop Applications - General | 74 |
| Development Application - Lease Variation | 425 |
| Dial a Search | 23 |
| Drafting and Mapping | 255 |
| Duplicates, Counterparts and Replicas | 2 |
| Energy Rating | 12 |
| Entry Fees | 165 |
| Environment Protection Act Fees | 556 |
| Equipment Hire | 1 |
| Examination Fees | 3 |
| Extension of Time to Build | 58 |
| Functions | 143 |
| General Administration | 39 |
| Goods | 348 |
| Grant of a further Lease | 162 |
| Grant of a Licence | 374 |
| Hawker's Licences | 7 |
| Helicopter Recoveries | 192 |
| Hire of Facilities | 700 |
| Hire of Facilities (Schools) - Non ACT Govt | 726 |
| Hire of Other Facilities/Equipment - Non ACT Govt | 807 |
| Home Business | 1 |
| Hostel Fees - Extended Stay Resident | 289 |
| Hostel Fees - Respite Care | 7 |
| ICT Business Systems | 76 |
| Individual Support Accommodation Non ACT Govt | 198 |
| Inpatient Fees - Day Ordinary Private - Band 2 | 30 |
| Inpatient Fees - Day Ordinary Private - Band 3 | 30 |
| Inpatient Fees - Day Ordinary Private - Band 4 | 5 |
| Inpatient Fees - DVA Prosthesis | 354 |
| Inpatient Fees - Nurse Home Type - DVA | 25 |
| Inpatient Fees - Nurse Home Type - Hospital | 427 |
| Inpatient Fees - Ordinary Private (Not Insured) - Single Room | 2 |
| Inpatient Fees Nurse Home type - Private | 256 |
| Landscaping Inspection | 3 |
| Lease Preparation | 3 |
| Liquor Licences New and Transfer Fees | 153 |
| Liquor Licences Permit Fees | 52 |
| Lodgement Fees | 303 |
| Meal Tickets | 1 |
| Meals on Wheels | 17 |
| Medical Illustration Services | 7 |
| Medical Records - Medico Legal Reports | 219 |
| Medical Records - Search Fees | 23 |
| Miscellaneous Hospital - Rent and Hire | 50 |
| Motor Vehicle Dealer Licenses | 84 |

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| Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees | 681 |
| MV Repairers Registration | 104 |
| Non Inpatient Fees - Non Eligible - Accident & Emergency | 571 |
| Non Inpatient Fees Compensation (Other) – Accident & Emergency | 7 |
| Non Inpatient Fees Compensation (Third Party) – Accident & Emergency | 158 |
| Non inpatient Fees Compensation (Workers' Compensation) – Accident & Emergency | 320 |
| Non Standard Software - Other | 1 |
| Other Facilities Hire | 1 |
| Other Regulatory Fees | 190 |
| Other Rent | 191 |
| Other Sales/Services Revenue - ACT Govt | 381 |
| Outdoor Cafes | 500 |
| Overseas Adoption Fee | 21 |
| Overseas Students Accommodation | 577 |
| Pharmacy Co-Payments | 229 |
| Pharmacy External Revenue | 150 |
| Photocopies - Public Register | 2 |
| Photocopying | 85 |
| Plan Printing | 29 |
| Plates of Choice | 562 |
| Plumbing and Drainage Fee | 22 |
| Printing/Photocopying | 68 |
| Professional/Labour Fees | 168 |
| Project Management Revenue (Other) | 346 |
| Proof of Age Cards | 20 |
| Property Rental - Commercial | 413 |
| Provision of Lease Advices | 24 |
| Public Notification | 802 |
| Rates and Land Tax Enquiry Fees | 842 |
| Rates and Land Tax Objection Lodgement Fees | 11 |
| Recognition of Prior Learning Fees - Commercial | 89 |
| Recognition of Prior Learning Fees - Students | 233 |
| Refund Fee | 6 |
| Registration of Associations | 78 |
| Registration of Backflow Test Reports | 59 |
| Report Production | 2 |
| Reports - Medical | 20 |
| Roads and Public Places Act Fees | 167 |
| Royalties | 3 |
| Russell Fox Library Fees | 69 |
| Sale of Publications - Non ACT Govt | 131 |
| Sale of Scrap | 10 |
| Search Copies | 103 |
| Search of Records | 26 |
| Second Hand Dealers Licenses | 11 |

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| Security Employee Licence | 368 |
| Security Industry Master Licenses | 203 |
| Security Trainer Licence | 5 |
| Special Number Plates | 435 |
| Stamp Duty and Taxes Objection Lodgement Fees | 2 |
| Standby Fees | 122 |
| Student Application Fees | 141 |
| Student Exercises | 2 |
| Student Material Fees | 930 |
| Student Service Fees | 6 |
| Support Agreement Charges - Others | 1 |
| Tail Tags (Stock Act) Fees | 1 |
| Taxi Licences | 845 |
| Territorial Plan Variation | 8 |
| Tobacco Licences | 91 |
| Training and Seminar Fees | 139 |
| Unit Title Application | 832 |
| Vehicle Impound Fees | 3 |
| Vehicle Verge Display Permits | 61 |
| Vending Machine Collections | 34 |
| Water Resources Act Fees | 138 |
| Water Resources Act Fees - Water Abstraction Charges | 102 |
| Weapon Licences | 111 |
| Workers' Compensation Levy | 629 |

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 24

In relation to cost of administering fees and charges:

**THE CHAIR**: Well, all taxes, fees, fines, charges.

**Mr Nicol**: Yes we will do it.

**THE CHAIR**: And have we ever worked out what the cost of compliance on each of those and the collecting of each of them is worth?

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

The ACT Government undertakes a range of compliance activities in different Directorates. The nature and associated costs of the compliance activity generally relates to the size and importance of the revenue line. Some compliance activities are specifically related to a particular charge, however many compliance activities incorporate a range of revenue lines.

Therefore, whilst I am unable to provide compliance costs for each individual revenue line, the table below provides 2014-15 compliance costs for major revenue lines that are able to be separately identified, and the associated revenue raised through these compliance activities.

For conveyance duty the revenue raised was less than the cost of compliance activity in 2014-15. This is not always the case and in some years the revenue raised has been very significant. Compliance activity for some revenue lines provides very little revenue but is important to encourage compliant taxpayer behaviour.

| Revenue Line | Compliance cost (FTE) 2014-15 | Revenue raised through compliance activity 2014-15 |
|---|---|---|
| Payroll Tax | $898,796 | $7,919,667 |
| Land Tax | $897,898 | $8,926,260 |
| First Home owner grant | $111,236 | $372,744 |
| Conveyance Duty (including concession schemes) | $329,917 | $220,385 |
| Red light and Speed cameras | $1,341,615 | $12,844,575 |
| Parking fines | $2,244,421 | $11,428,449 |

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 28

In relation to office accommodation:

**THE CHAIR**: Just on the capital works, on page 137, the second line, there's a project called "Office Accommodation" that the original project value was $432, 196,000, but it has now been revised down to $2, 500,000. Could we have some enlightenment of what you are building for $432 million?

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

In the 2011-12 ACT Budget Paper Number 3, Page 122 capital funding of $432 million was announced for the construction of a Government Office Building.

In the 2011-12 Budget Review, Page 14, the Government announced the redirection of the funding for the Government Office Building project, to provide capacity to invest in higher priority infrastructure projects.

The revised value of the project of $2.5 million reflects the Government's commitment to improving accommodation standards for the ACT Public Service. This funding has been invested into design aspects of the new Gungahlin Office Building and alternative accommodation fit outs of existing buildings.

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Asked by Ms Lawder on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 30

In relation to Treasury support for major policy initatives:

**MS LAWDER**: In the operating statement the actual amount spent is quite less than the budgeted amount. How do you come up with these budgeted figures?

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

The $11.435m decrease in actual expenses from the original budget for Output Class 2 – Financial and Economic Management, is mainly due to:

- Rollover of funds from 2014-15 not expensed, to the 2015-16 Budget associated with:
  - Agency Asset Reviews;
  - Approach to Market for Pay Parking Ticket Machines;
  - Australian Forum Investment Ready;
  - Budget Development Application;
  - Capital Metro Project – Scoping and Facilitation;
  - Strategic Asset Management Plans;
  - Australian Forum;
  - Project Advice;
  - National Injury Insurance Scheme; and
  - Lower than forecast claims against the Restructure Fund;

- A re-allocation of corporate overheads to reflect the Directorate's new structure;

Partially offset by:

- The transfer of Government Business Enterprises from Output Class 3.

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 37

In relation to Westpac low interest loans:

**THE CHAIR**: I am not sure if it is in the TBA, but when we moved the government contract banking across to Westpac there was a commitment to having some low interest loans. Who handles that for the government? It is not done through the TBA?

**MR BARR:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

When the government agreed to expand the Microcredit program through Lighthouse Business Solutions (Parliamentary Agreement commitment, Appendix 1, 13.5), Westpac agreed to become the credit provider for the micro loans. This was an undertaking they made as part of their tender to win the government banking contract.

The Community Services Directorate manages the ACT Government contract with the Lighthouse, and the Lighthouse subsequently has a credit facility with Westpac.

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Lawder on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 38

In relation to Westpac Contract tender process:

**MS LAWDER**: Thank you. On the territory bank account, at the top of column 2 on page 76, it says, "Completed the transition to a new service provider." So I note that back in 2011, the then Chief Minister—and I know that it was perhaps not you, Mr Barr, but you were I think the Treasurer at that time—in a radio interview, the Treasurer said, "We know our banking contract is quite a lucrative contract. We know that there is a lot of interest in it. Next year, that banking contract will go out to tender. And what we want to do with that is put it in the tender requirements that the successful bank who wins that contract needs to offer socially responsible banking products like low-interest loans." So can you talk me through how that was assessed, perhaps in the—

**Mr Barr**: That was exactly the same question that Mr Smyth asked.

**THE CHAIR**: I think I have just asked that.

**MS LAWDER**: How many points were allocated in the sort of tender process for it?

**Mr Nicol**: I have to take it on notice.

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

A request for tender for Government Banking Services was issued and evaluated in 2012. Westpac Banking Corporation was identified as the preferred tenderer and subsequently contracted to provide Government Banking Services to the Territory.

One of the criteria of the request for tender was in relation to 'Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility'. Tenderers were asked to provide details of measures taken to reduce the environmental impact of activities undertaken in the course of conducting business; indicate whether the organisation has a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Plan and describe specific initiatives that have been developed as part of that CSR; and indicate whether it currently provides, or proposes to provide in the future, targeted assistance strategies to assist vulnerable members of the ACT community who may not otherwise have access to mainstream financial services, through initiatives such as microloans'.

All tender responses were assessed on a comparative basis with the evaluation team awarding an evaluation score based on their assessment of each tenderers response to this criterion. This criterion was one of 23 criteria in the Service Delivery component of the tender. The other two components of the tender that were also evaluated were Products (36 criteria) and Pricing. The three components of Service Delivery, Products and Pricing had equal importance.

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript Page 11

In relation to Westpac Banking Contract – Social banking:

**MS LAWDER**: Do you get reports from Westpac about their socially responsible banking and how do you get the reports.

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

A microcredit program is delivered via a three-way partnership involving the ACT Government, Westpac Institutional Bank and Lighthouse Business Innovation Centre.

The Community Services Directorate manages a Service Funding Agreement (SFA) with the Lighthouse Business Innovation Centre. The SFA specifies that the Lighthouse maintain a relationship and meet its obligations with Westpac. The SFA also requires the Lighthouse to report on the performance requirements and performance indicators biannually.

Westpac do not report to the Community Services Directorate on their socially responsible banking.

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard P 46

In relation to the terms motor accidents and motor crashes:

**THE CHAIR**: All right and just finally from me a number of times you used the words 'motor accident' but in other places you use 'motor crashes' or 'road accidents'. There was some advice and I thought we had moved away from using the word 'accident'? Is there a policy or a view that we should use one form of words rather than another?

**Ms Doran**: I do recall that issue it is something I may have to take on notice. But I think there are links to legislation and the terminology that is used in pieces of legislation, and the definitions the source from that legislation. So we have our own CTP Act, but we leverage off the Motor Transport Act.

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

The Select Committee on Estimates presented its Report on the inquiry into the *Appropriation Bill 2014-2015 and the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2014-2015* on 5 August 2014.

The Committee recommended, in regard to road safety activities, that the ACT Government use the terminology 'motor vehicle crash' or 'road crash' and not 'accident'.

The following Government Response to the Report of the Select Committee was provided on 12 August 2014:

*"Agreed in part.*

*The Government agrees that in relation to road safety activities the terms 'road crash', 'motor vehicle crash' and 'crash' should be used in preference to the term 'accident'. This is already the practice for the vast majority of cases.*

*However, in relation to terminology used regarding the Compulsory Third-Party Insurance Scheme and Lifetime Care and Support Scheme, the Government will continue to refer to 'motor accidents' as this is the terminology used in the Road Transport (Third-Party Insurance) Act 2008 and the Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Act 2014."*

The Government will continue to follow this approach.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript page 69, 2 November 2015.

In relation to Water and sewerage connections:

**THE CHAIR:** It is 1.30 and we are going to have to finish. Before you go, on page 8 I see you have got 166,000 connections to water, but you have only got 165,000 connections to sewerage. Who gets water and not sewerage services?

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

I am advised by Icon Water the figures in the Icon Water Annual Report refer to the approximate number of physical water and sewerage *connections* to the Icon Water mains network. There are more connections to water than to sewerage due to those sites that have connections for water for irrigation purposes but do not require a sewerage connection. The majority of these sites are city parks and ovals.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 2 November 2015: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript Page 11

In relation to Dickson land sale:

**THE CHAIR**: And apparently there is a block being purchase at Dickson that the government is refusing to release the value of. Why would you not release the value of the block at Dickson?

**Mr Barr**: From what I understand it is commercial in-confidence.

**THE CHAIR**: So when does commercial in-confidence finish?

**Mr Barr**: I will take advice.

**THE CHAIR**: So you have used tax payers' money to purchase a block of land in Dickson and the tax payer can never know what that land is worth?

**Mr Barr**: I do not believe that is the case but I will take advice on the specifics. It is not the Treasury area of government that has undertaken that acquisition.

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

The government has used the compulsory acquisition process to acquire land in Dickson for a new bus interchange. The land was acquired by the Environment and Planning Directorate on behalf of ACT Roads.

In the compulsory acquisition process, compensation is settled after the land has been acquired. No claim for compensation has been received from the Lessee at this time and is not expected until towards the end of the first quarter in 2016.

Once a claim is received, the Government has 42 days to respond. This timeframe can be extended by agreement between the parties.

The Lessee may accept or reject an offer of compensation.

If the Lessee does not accept the compensation offered, the amount of compensation is subject to appeal processes.

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