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Ms Joy Bruch
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Dear Ms ~~Burch~~ ^{Joy}

I write to correct an Estimates Question on Notice response (E19-207) signed 3 July 2019. The document figures are correct although they had been attributed to the incorrect projects resulting in the figures not adding correctly. I apologise for the confusion.

For simplicity all answers to all questions have been restated. The amended answer to the Member's Question 2 is also as follows:—

In relation to: Place Plans

1. *Provide a breakdown of the cost of developing and publishing the (i) Dickson Place Plan, (ii) Braddon Place Plan, and (iii) Haig Park Place Plan by:*
 - a. *Research costs;*
 - b. *Design costs;*
 - c. *Printing costs;*
 - d. *Promotional costs;*
 - e. *Launch costs;*
 - f. *Any other relevant category of costs*

A breakdown of costs for the Dickson Place Plan, Braddon Place Plan and Haig Park Place Plan is outlined below.

(i) Dickson Place Plan

Breakdown of costs:

- The total cost of developing the Dickson Place Plan was \$158,415.65 (excluding GST). This included research and analysis, community engagement, design, promotion and graphic design costs.

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(Due to the broad scope of services provided by the lead consultant these costs cannot be accurately disaggregated by service category)

(ii) Braddon Place Plan

Breakdown of costs:

- The total cost of developing the Braddon Place Plan was \$210,406.76 (excluding GST). This included research and analysis, community engagement, design, promotion and graphic design costs.

(Due to the broad scope of services provided by the lead consultant these costs cannot be accurately disaggregated by service category)

(iii) Haig Park Place Plan

Breakdown of costs:

- The total cost of developing the Haig Park Place Plan was \$193,448.16 (excluding GST). This included research and analysis, community engagement, design, promotion and graphic design costs. It also includes development of a draft heritage conservation management plan (this cost cannot be disaggregated from other costs).

(Due to the broad scope of services provided by the lead consultant these costs cannot be accurately disaggregated by service category)

2. *Further to part 1, what was the total amount spent on contractors or consultants for each Place Plan broken down by nature of service?*

A breakdown of consultant and contractor costs for the Dickson Place Plan, Braddon Place Plan and Haig Park Place Plan is outlined below.

(i) Dickson Place Plan

- a. Consultants: \$151,529.72 (excluding GST). This includes research and analysis, community engagement, design and promotion.
- b. Contractors: \$6,885.93 excluding GST (graphic design)

(ii) Braddon Place Plan

- a. Consultants: \$203,520.83 (excluding GST). This includes research and analysis, community engagement, design and promotion.
- b. Contractors: \$6,885.93 excluding GST (graphic design)

(iii) Haig Park Place Plan

- a. Consultants: \$186,562.23 excluding GST. This includes research, design, community engagement, heritage management plan and promotion)
- b. Contractors: \$6,885.93 excluding GST (graphic design)

3. *What feedback has been received on the (i) Dickson Place Plan, (ii) Braddon Place Plan, and (iii) Haig Park Place Plan since each was published?*
- a. *When will each Place Plan be reviewed?*

Feedback from the community was collected during the preparation of all place plans. Since their launch in 2018, feedback on the plans has generally been positive. The community placed high importance on tangible short-term actions and early improvements to public places. The Place Plans also identify opportunities for communities to take part in public space improvements, for example through community-driven teams. The MyDickson Town Team and the Braddon Town Team have been active in progressing events and projects in their area.

4. *What actions or initiatives have occurred to advance the (i) Dickson Place Plan, (ii) Braddon Place Plan, and (iii) Haig Park Place Plan since the release of each Place Plan?*
- a. *Provide a breakdown of the cost of each initiative and outcomes achieved.*

The following actions have been taken to advance the implementation of the place plans:

(i) Dickson Place Plan

- The City Renewal Authority is in the early phase of a trial project to improve the public environment of Woolley Street, Dickson. It will involve temporary upgrades and community events over the next six months, at a cost of \$1.025 million.
- The upgrades are based on ideas identified by the community in the formulation of the Dickson Place Plan (2018) and builds on the area's existing urban character and place 'values' as family-friendly Asian food hub.
- The eight-week trial commencing in Spring 2019 will re-imagine Woolley Street through outdoor seating, festoon lighting and lanterns, blossom trees and a plaza with play elements for all ages.
- A dedicated events and community program throughout the trial includes a multicultural dinner party with music and live performances from Canberra's diverse community groups.

(ii) Braddon Place Plan

- The City Renewal Authority hosted an event on 31 January 2019 to talk with residents, businesses and landowners about the place plan and the possibility of forming a 'town team'. Interested residents and businesses met again on 13 February and 13 March 2019 to formalise a Braddon Town Team and progress initial ideas for an urban art festival and busker program.
- The Authority will seek to implement some of the short-term actions in the place plan while others will need to be pursued by the town team, local businesses or the community.
- Through the Authority, 28 new street trees were planted in Braddon in June 2019.
- The City Place Manager regularly meets with local traders, building relationships and facilitating place improvement actions.

(iii) Haig Park Place Plan

- The City Renewal Authority has awarded nearly \$1 million to a consortium led by the University of Canberra to implement the first phase of the Place Plan. This will consist of a program of 'light-touch' park infrastructure improvements and events from June to October 2019 ('Haig Park Experiments'). These experiments will include, for example, decorative lighting; furniture; a pop-in inflatable pavilion; nature play experiments; winter festival; art installations by local artists; and a Spring carnival.
- A three-day outdoor cinema (Haig Park Picture Festival) was held in Haig Park in March 2019. It attracted more than 800 people and demonstrated the park's potential as an event venue.

5. *What additional Place Plans are under development, or are scheduled to be released in 2019-20 and each year across the forward estimates?*

Further place plans are being developed in the financial year 2019/20 for Hobart Place, Garena Place and City Walk, City Section 63 and West Basin.

Yours sincerely


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