



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 23 November 2023: Ms Gillian Geraghty took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: CIT Woden Campus Youth Foyer

THE CHAIR: The youth foyer that was recently funded—

Ms Geraghty: Yes.

THE CHAIR: —after the design and everything—

Ms Geraghty: Yes.

THE CHAIR: How did that come about, through consultation or—because it was not in the original design, what happened that made you aware that this was necessary and received federal government funding for it?

Ms Geraghty: I will have to provide that on notice—

THE CHAIR: Yes, because you have been here for eight weeks—

Ms Geraghty: Yes, for eight weeks—

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Ms Geraghty: But yes, it is the \$10 million difference. And it did receive the commonwealth funding.

So I will come back to you about the process we undertook.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Great. Thank you. That is all I have got.

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

The Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Youth Foyer function was nominated in the original CIT Woden Campus Project scope.

Youth Foyers are proven to have significant impact on the education, employment and housing outcomes of vulnerable young people, and they also help to prevent long-term reliance on income support, social housing, support services and interactions with the corrections system.

In May 2022, the Australian Government announced it will contribute \$10 million towards the development of the design and delivery of the Youth Foyer, as an integral part of the new CIT Campus in Woden, through the Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP).

In January 2023, Major Projects Canberra received an invitation to participate in the PCIP, and applied for funding. The funding application was approved by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP on 27 October 2023.

This additional \$10 million of project budget funding is reflective in the Major Projects Canberra Annual Report Table 30 on page 120.

Being part of the PCIP is recognising the importance of the Youth Foyer for the Woden and wider Canberra community.

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Signature:



Date: **30.11.23**

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA