



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**26 October 2021**

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Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee on 26 October 2021: Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

**MS LEE:** In terms of comparing the budget to February's budget, the Major Projects Canberra infrastructure spend increased by \$120 million, and the TCCS infrastructure spend fell by \$103 million. Can you give me an outline of the movement of projects? Are they related at all? Is there some kind of explanation as to that movement of money and which projects they relate to?

...

**Mr Hall:** I have read and acknowledge the privilege statement. Ms Lee, when we look at the February 2021 budget statement, I think you are referring to the figure of \$56 million for the 2021-22 program. The budget handed down recently has \$176 million. I think that is the \$120 million difference to which you refer.

The bulk of that is bringing online the Canberra Hospital expansion; \$77 million of that is for that project, which previously sat in a provision. It was not actually sitting in the appropriation moneys for Major Projects Canberra. As the Chief Minister mentioned, there is \$43 million for light rail and raising London Circuit, which, similarly, had sat in a provision as well. I do not have detail at hand on the Transport Canberra change in terms of their budget papers; my apologies for that.

**MS LEE:** Is that something you can take on notice?

**Mr Barr:** Yes.

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

The increase in the Major Projects Canberra's 2021-22 Capital Infrastructure Program from the forward estimate published in the 2020-21 Budget is unrelated to changes in the Transport Canberra and City Services Capital Infrastructure Program.

The increase of \$120.213 million relates to funding which was previously held in the Territory's central provision being appropriated to Major Projects Canberra including:

- Public Health Infrastructure - Canberra Hospital Expansion  
\$78.471m
- Cladding Rectification - Non-Government Building Scheme Phase 1  
\$1.244m
- Building Light Rail to Woden and Raising London Circuit  
\$42.430m
- Rectifying Flammable Cladding of Government-Owned Buildings  
\$6.550m

New initiative policy decisions appropriated to Major Projects Canberra:

- Redevelopment of the Canberra Theatre Centre  
\$1.053m
- Improving Canberra's Health Infrastructure – Northside Hospital Development  
\$1.334m

Technical adjustments:

- Reprofiling of existing funding between financial years  
(\$15.494m)
- CIT Woden Campus and Bus Interchange recurrent Appropriation not previously represented in the Infrastructure Program Table  
\$1.000m
- Streamlining of funding of Major Projects Canberra – Better Infrastructure Fund  
\$3.625m

The decrease in the TCCS 2021-22 Capital Infrastructure Program forward estimate is unrelated to changes in the MPC Capital Infrastructure program and mainly relates to reprofiling of capital works to meet market capacity, constraints from the COVID-19 pandemic (including site closures and inability for workers to travel); partly offset by an increase from new initiatives such as the Parkes Way signalisation, William Hovell Drive duplication and upgrading the storm water network.

There was also a decrease of \$73.755m in 2021-22 from the Commonwealth through grant adjustments, including the following:

- Investment – Road Component  
\$53.140m
- John Gorton Drive and Molonglo River Bridge Crossing  
\$27.577m

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr