



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS]

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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
1 March 2022

Asked by MICHAEL PETTERSON MLA on 1 MARCH 2022: ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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MR PETTERSSON: Thank you. Chief Minister, I was hoping you could explain to the committee your role with the Suburban Land Agency in regards to authorisations and then could you also tell the committee what are the authorisation thresholds for land acquisition?

Mr Barr: Okay, yes. So section 63 of the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act requires the Treasurer to make directions relating to the acquisition of land by either the CRA or the SLA. Such directions are disallowable instruments. The directions require the Suburban Land Agency and the City Renewal Agency to present a business case for each proposed acquisition for endorsement of the responsible minister following consideration by cabinet. These directions do not contain any thresholds, which means that all land acquisitions are subject to consideration by cabinet before the responsible minister can grant approval.

The business case that must come forward must include the details of the land to be acquired and the financial implications relating to the acquisition; land valuations provided to and obtained by the City Renewal Authority or the Suburban Land Agency; the current and future status of the land under the Territory Plan, including any conditions on the head lease; the purpose for which the land is being acquired, including how the proposed acquisition meets the requirements of the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act of 2017, the Territory Plan, the Statement of Strategic Directions, the Statement of Planning Intent.

The Statement of Expectations for the City Renewal Authority needs to be consistent with that, as well as the Statement of Operational Intent for the City Renewal Authority, if it is a City Renewal Authority initiated business case. The Statement of Intent for the Land Development Agency; achieving value for money; providing community benefits; meeting environmental or sustainability objectives; the appropriateness of consultation processes undertaken; and a risk assessment and other relevant information. These directions were placed on the legislation register on 1 November 2017.

MR PETTERSSON: Were there any proposals—actually, how many proposals were there in the reporting period?

Mr Barr: I will take that one on notice.

MR PETTERSSON: Were any rejected in the reporting period?

Mr Barr: I do not believe so, but again, I will get that confirmed on notice.

MR PETERSSON: Wonderful. Thank you.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There have been no proposals to Government for land acquisitions by the SLA presented as business cases between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA.