



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**James Milligan MLA:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

- 1) The Government had grand plans for this development to be available for several major international events, yet this project has now been moved to at least 2023-24 (Book B – CMTEEDD p. 63) – when will this project be completed?
  - a) Another \$9m-10m of funding has been allocated to the cost of this project (Book B – CMTEEDD p. 63), putting pressure on Capital Football. Water issues have become evident in at least 3 nearby suburbs (Kenny, Throsby residential area and Amaroo). Why did the water problem affecting this project fail to be identified and investigated much earlier?
  - b) To what degree are the delays to the Throsby Home of Football associated with resolution of water issues?
  
- 2) A venue of this size and status is planned to attract significant crowds. How will patrons travel to the isolated site, which is not close to significant public transport facilities?
  - a) How will a tightly roaded suburb cope with the expected traffic volume and parking requirements?
  - b) Will this be a case of Throsby residents (having bought some of the most expensive land in Canberra) being forced to suffer on game days?

**Yvette Berry MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

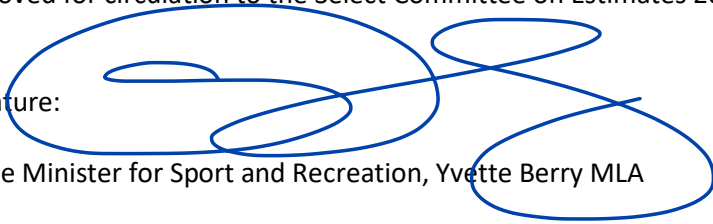
- 1) Construction is anticipated to commence in 2023 and continue into 2024 – pending planning approvals being forthcoming. A more detailed construction program will be developed during the construction tender phase for the project.
  - a) As part of the design consultancy brief, the analysis of site stormwater and overland flows (with due consideration of the upstream dam within the Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve) was a key design consideration. The consultant has subsequently analysed and identified site flood mitigation measures through the use of a natural channel that will divert stormwater around the site and away from the proposed football infrastructure.
  - b) As noted, the assessment of floodwater and overland flows was a key consideration and assessed during the early stages of design. No project delays have come as a result of the assessment of the stormwater and overland flows.

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- a) A detailed traffic assessment was undertaken which has confirmed the existing road network is able to support the new Throsby Home of Football development. Precinct parking has been incorporated as part of the design. The main central carpark will provide 210 spaces, back of house parking (30 spaces) and overflow parking (250 spaces). In the ultimate configuration, additional parking areas will also be provided around the site increasing the capacity by a further 80 spaces.
  
- b) For larger events, the use of public transport will be encouraged, and an approved Traffic Management Plan(s) will be in place to control vehicle movements around the site. Further analysis and planning for public transport and pedestrian connections will be undertaken.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

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Date: 01/09/22

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA