



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2022 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2022 (No 2) **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Ms Kikkert MLA to ask the Treasurer

Ref: 2022-23 Budget Review, Page 47, 81.

West Belconnen Landfill Site

1. Can the treasurer please provide a breakdown by year for the \$35.604 million in capital expenses associated with rehabilitating the West Belconnen Landfill site on p.81 of the Budget Review?
2. What is the source of the \$17.904 million in capital offsets in 2022–23 and 2023–24?
3. Can the treasurer please provide a breakdown by year of the provision and non-cash expenses associated with rehabilitating the West Belconnen Landfill site on p. 81 of the Budget Review?
4. When is the capping of the landfill projected to be complete?
5. Who is responsible for designing and building the 'world-class community and recreational asset' on this site?
6. What kinds of facilities and amenities have been considered and/or selected for inclusion in this 'world-class community and recreational asset'?
7. When will the design of this asset be complete, and when is construction planned to be complete?

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

1. The rehabilitation of the landfill is currently in a design phase and will be subject to consideration by the Planning Authority and Environment Protection Authority. The timing of spending of these funds is dependent on the outcome of the design and planning process, and is likely to be spent progressively over the next three years.
2. The \$17.904 million in capital offsets relates to a prior funding allocation to Transport Canberra and City Services to undertake the landfill capping project. This will now be delivered by the Suburban Land Agency.
3. "Expenses – Non-Cash" relate to: a write-off of existing assets located on the landfill site which are no longer required (including site signage and other fixtures not needed for future site use); and the value of land to be transferred from Transport Canberra and City Services to the Suburban Land Agency. "Expenses – Provision" reflect the preliminary estimates of future site operational costs.

4. The completion date is subject to necessary planning and environmental approvals. Current estimated date of completion is late 2025.
5. The Suburban Land Agency will undertake the necessary works for the capping of the landfill site; the site forms part of the broader Ginninderry development and the Joint Venture will design and construct facilities on the site.
6. In consultation with the community, and through the planning stage, the opportunities for the community will be identified and considered for inclusion on this site. The full extent of the facilities and amenities of the site have not been finalised; the 108 hectares will enable many opportunities for the benefit of the broader community. The site will include a broad range of indoor and outdoor sporting facilities. There is potential for urban development, educational facilities, urban agriculture, garden nursery, preservation of existing heritage areas and significant open parkland which may include facilities such as an amphitheatre, landscaped gardens and outdoor eating areas.
7. The design works necessary for the capping of the landfill site are estimated to be completed in mid to late 2024. Capping construction will commence once planning and environmental approvals are achieved, as outlined in the response to question 4. Construction of the range of site facilities and amenities will be aligned with the Ginninderry development program and delivered over the following 10 years.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA