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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Jo Clay MLA on 24 July 2023: Ms Caroline Fulton took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected Proof Hansard Transcript 24 July 2023 PAGE 21-22]

In relation to:

MS CLAY: Yes. Okay. Belconnen Arts Centre. We have got a line in the Belconnen Arts Centre budget on page 63 for Belconnen Arts Centre, more and better jobs, and there is a zero dollar figure there next to the line item. And I believe, Belconnen Arts Centre, the facility is great. It is new, it is beautiful, so it sort of at the opposite end of Gorman House, which is this aging heritage building that needs a huge amount of work to get it up to spec.

But I know they recently actually had to cut jobs because they did not get the funding that they needed. Can you talk me through the more and better jobs for Belconnen Arts Centre of zero dollars?

Ms Fulton: What page are you on, sorry Ms Clay?

MS CLAY: Page 63 was the one I was looking on.

Ms Fulton: I might have to take on notice, in terms of—that would be in terms of the remaining works, in regards to the remaining works for the stage 2 development at Belconnen, and there was some reprofiling of that funds in order to address remaining works and defects, in terms of that project.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: —

Page 63 of the 2023-24 Budget Statement (Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate) refers to \$562,000 rolled over from 2021-22 into the 2022-23 financial year for the More and Better Jobs – Expanding Belconnen Arts Centre project. This amount was part of the original capital works project allocation and funded remaining minor works associated with the Belconnen Arts Centre Stage 2 construction project. There is no new capital funding for Expanding Belconnen Arts Centre provided in the 2023-24 Budget, therefore on page 63 zero is shown in the 2023-24 financial year as well as in the out years.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Chris Steel".

Date: 2/8/23

By the A/g Minister for the Arts, Chris Steel MLA