



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 14 November 2023, Annual Report of Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

In relation to: National Capital Design Review Panel

At the Planning, Transport and City Services Committee hearing on 14 November 2023 into the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate Annual Report 2022-2023 the Chief Planner, Mr Ben Ponton said with respect to the operations of the National Capital Design Review Panel (the Panel):

‘The panel, as you would be aware is chaired by the Government Architect and as the Minister said also co-chaired by the Chief Planner for the National Capital Authority and draws on expertise from across the country depending upon particular projects so if we have a project that has strong landscape features we’ll make sure that we have got really well qualified landscape architects on there’.

The Committee was also informed that since its inception 134 projects have been considered by the Panel. On how many occasions has a landscape architect been engaged by the Panel to assist it in the consideration of projects?

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows: –

The National Capital Design Review Panel (NCDRP) composition is determined by the Chair (the Government Architect) on a case-by-case basis and in response to the key design issues raised by a particular application. This includes qualified eminent landscape architects.

NCDRP members are selected for their skills, expertise and track record of achievement in one or more fields relevant to planning, design and development.

Since the commencement of the NCDRP in September 2017, 134 major projects have been reviewed over 223 design review sessions (to 8 November 2023). Of the 223 design review sessions, 177 have had landscape architects as panellists.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA