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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City Services

Reference: Uncorrected Hansard Transcript [Page 26]

In relation to: duplication of William Hovell Drive

Hearing Date: 24/07/2024

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Answer Due Date: 30/07/2024

MRS KIKKERT: I appreciate that. Thank you, Chair. The Chief Minister announced that \$27 million from federal government will contribute to the duplication of William Hovell Drive, but in the budget statements, it says that the commonwealth contribution is \$26.5 million, so it is short of \$500,000. Where is that extra \$500,000?

Ms Cheyne: I will have to take that on notice, Mrs Kikkert. More broadly, that additional funding is related to some cost pressures with the William Hovell Drive duplication, and so the overall funding footprint is larger than that.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The William Hovell Drive Duplication project was funded in the 2021-22 Budget and comprised \$36.25 million in ACT Government capital contribution and \$26.5 million in Australian Government capital contribution (totalling \$63.25 million).

The 2023-24 Budget provided an additional \$44 million bringing the total budget allocation to \$107.25 million.

The Australian Government agreed to share the funding requirements 50:50 with the ACT Government through the 2024-25 Budget, confirming the contribution of both parties to this project to be \$53.625m in capital funding.

The Australian Government made an additional contribution of \$27.1 million through the 2024-25 Budget to bring their contribution to match the ACT funding.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

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By the Minister for City Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA