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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked By: Mr Pater Cain MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Reference: City Renewal Authority

Hearing Date: 23 July 2024, 2.15pm to 5pm

In relation to: EPSDD - City Renewal Authority and Block 1 Section 116 City

QON lodgement Date: 25 July 2024

Answer Due date: 1 August 2024

(1) Can you please provide an update on the planned land release of Block 1 Section 116 (surface carpark opposite 1 Constitution Avenue) and what steps have been taken to ensure that this 2.4 hectare site will be ready for release in 2025-26.

(2) What is the indicative price that the CRA is looking to achieve through the sale of this land release.

(3) Does the release of this site for sale categorically rule out the previously proposed Australia Forum development.

(4) What supplementary parking arrangements will be offered to compensate for the development of this block.

(5) Do you plan to remove all surface carparks in Civic by the end of this decade.

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

(1) The City Renewal Authority is working towards the release of Block 1 Section 116 in 2025-26, in accordance with the ACT Government's [Indicative Land Release Program 2024-25 to 2028-29](#). The Authority started technical investigations for the land in April 2024.

(2) The City Renewal Authority uses independent valuers to establish confidential reserve prices during land sale processes. This drives a competitive outcome and ensures value for the Territory is achieved. The final price received from the sale of the land is typically not publicly disclosed until a sales contract has been exchanged with the purchaser.

(3) Block 1 Section 116 is no longer being considered for the previously proposed Australia Forum site.

(4) There will be a requirement to provide adequate public car parking spaces as part of development of the land, in accordance with the National Capital Authority's National Capital Plan. Other information about parking in the City Centre while construction projects are underway is periodically published on the Transport Canberra and City Services website <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/roads-and-paths/traffic/parking> and Built For CBR site <https://www.builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts>

(5) The City Renewal Authority currently has two surface car parks in Civic (Block 23 Section 19 and Block 1 Section 116) identified for release in 2025-26, in accordance with the ACT Government's [Indicative Land Release Program 2024-25 to 2028-29](#). The timing for the removal of these car parks at the conclusion of the sales process will be subject to sales and contract details yet to be determined. Other surface car parks within Civic are subject to future decisions by the ACT Government.

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

Signature: 

Date: **29. 7. 24**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA