



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson

Addressed to: City Renewal Authority

In relation to: Breakdown of \$9.3 million funding

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Mr Gillman took on notice the following question(s):

MR EMERSON: I wanted to just ask about the budget measure. I could see that there is, you know, key projects, upgrade connections, amenities and safety in the city precinct, and there is \$9.3 million over four years for the delivery of those projects. Is that—how is that funding going to be used?

Mr Gillman: I will start. So one of the—we have started paving and lighting and experience upgrades with Garema Place, and that is the first part of that work. That work will also continue out to the interchange, as far as the interchange, and then down City Walk and through Petrie Plaza. You may have noticed we have done some modest demolition of structures in Petrie Plaza. That is part of those works.

So those works really focus on paving, lighting, and safety. That includes decorative lighting, to build those out. We are also in the process of considering plans for Cooyong Street, Alinga Street, and the balance of City Walk down to the casino so that they are in much earlier stages, and that the money you refer to is for construction.

MR EMERSON: Of those works as well?

Mr Gillman: Of Petrie Plaza, City Walk down to approximately just before the Canberra Times Fountain is all—then the—from where we have got the works at the moment through to the interchange, that is all funded for construction.

MR EMERSON: Okay. Is that—like, are you able to provide a breakdown. I am happy for it to be on notice, if required, for that specific breakdown of the \$9.3 million.

Mr Gillam: Some of it I will not be comfortable to provide because it is the subject of a live procurement process because we are breaking it up into different stages, so Mr Emerson, I am happy to break down within those—within that frame of—we just do not want to release some information at this point in time.

MR EMERSON: Yes, okay.

MR GILLMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The evidence provided at the hearing requires clarification.

Following review of the question and the relevant budget papers, the \$9.3 million funding referenced is understood to relate to the City Precinct Renewal Program initiative in the 2026-27 Budget Outlook, rather than the construction projects discussed during the hearing.

The \$9.3 million budget measure breakdown is:

- \$8.581 million over three years for replacement funding to support the Place Experience and Marketing Program, including initiatives that enhance activation, visitation, perceptions of safety and the customer experience in the city centre.
- \$0.485 million over four years for a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cadetship Program.
- \$0.166 million over five years, associated with capital investment to progress detailed design for city safety and accessibility improvements in Cooyong Street, and includes tree planting.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

Signature:



Date:

By the Chief Executive Officer, City Renewal Authority, Craig Gillman