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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MS LE COUTEUR MLA:

In relation to:

MS LE COUTEUR: And as you would be aware, last year the Assembly passed a motion looking for part of the TCSCS budget to be framed using sort of participatory budgeting methods. Is the intention to use better suburbs for that or is there some other plan?

Ms Perkins: I think I would need to defer that to—

Mr Barr: Yes.

MS LE COUTEUR: To either the treasurer or the minister.

Mr Barr: Certainly that is part—obviously part of that better suburbs program. We would certainly align with the direction of the Assembly motion and the government commitment. I will take on notice whether there are other programs in other directorates that would also align there, but I guess we would also want to evaluate the effectiveness of the initial approach.

MS LE COUTEUR: Yes. No, I was more meaning—

Mr Barr: Yes.

MS LE COUTEUR: Is that the only thing that is going to be done in terms of fulfilling the Assembly's direction in terms of participatory budget? I mean, I would be really delighted to hear about more, but I am just making this—checking that—

Mr Barr: Sure. Yes. No, well, I will—as I say, I will take it on notice whether there are other proposals within other directorates on that question.

CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The program and intended outcomes of the Playspaces Forum (as part of a broader Better Suburbs Program) was aligned with the Assembly motion and government commitment to participatory budgeting.

The decisions of the participants made in the Forum are now being implemented by various areas of TCCS.

An independent review of the participatory budgeting process has now been commissioned by TCCS in line with the Assembly motion.

Opportunities for the use of participatory budgeting in the 2019 Budget, which build from the use of the Better Suburbs Forum, are under consideration.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA