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## Speaker

Mr James Milligan Chair Select Committee on Estimates Legislative Assembly for the ACT London Circuit CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Chair

I am writing to expand on the answer provided by Officers' representing the Office of the Legislative Assembly (the Office) at the Select Committee on Estimates on Friday 2 September 2022.

Dr Paterson asked the question - What are the priorities of the Office of the Legislative Assembly going forward? And are there any areas of increased funding that are needed over the next couple of years that have not been identified?

Whilst the answers given by the Acting Clerk Ms Agostino and Mr Skinner were indeed accurate, we would like to have it noted that the Office did seek funding for end of trip facilities in the recent budget which did not receive appropriation. The absence of end of trip facilities discourages take-up of active transport and impacts our ability to be an employer of choice. It also means Members and staff will find it challenging to use active transport to minimise the impact of disruption caused by the nearby light rail project over the coming years. Therefore, we will seek funding for these facilities again in the future.

It is also expected in coming years funding to upgrade the public entry and signage to the Legislative Assembly will be sought. This upgrade would have a particular focus on addressing security vulnerabilities and improving the easy identification of the building as the home of the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely

Joy Burch MLA

Speaker

15 September 2022