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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

Ms Nicole Lawder MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Reference: Minister for Climate Action

Hearing Date: 24 July 2024

In relation to: Community Batteries

QON lodgement Date: 5 August 2024

Answer Due date: 8 August 2024

- (1) Have the suburbs selected for the community batteries been determined as Casey, Dickson, and Fadden?
- (2) Have the specific battery locations been finalised? When will the specific locations for the three batteries be finalised?
- (3) Has there been a consultation considering the factors, including the availability of suitable land, grid constraints, community consultation, and procurement considerations?
- (4) What is the expected completion date for each of the three community batteries?
- (5) Why/how were each of these suburbs selected?
- (6) What will a community battery entail? is it a building? How large

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

- (1) Yes – as set out in the grant agreement with the Commonwealth.
- (2) No – preliminary design for shortlisted sites is anticipated for completion by 12 December 2024.
- (3) Evoenergy has commenced this work, which is ongoing and estimated for completion by 12 December 2024.
- (4) All by 31 March 2025.
- (5) The Commonwealth Government held a grants round for batteries in these three suburbs, and the ACT Government and Evoenergy partnered to apply for the grant.
- (6) The batteries are estimated to be 400 kWh. For reference, the standard shipping container sized Tesla Megapack is approximately ten times the capacity.

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

Signature: 

Date: **6.6.24**

By the Minister for Climate Action, Andrew Barr MLA