



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA (Chair), Mr Alistair Coe MLA (Deputy Chair),
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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Mr Coe on 9 December 2013: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, PAGE 177]

In relation to: Land sales revenue

MR COE: What would be the value of contracts that were bumped into the next financial year as opposed to contracts that have fallen through altogether?

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The value of settlements that were deferred from 2012-13 to the next financial year compared to the 2012-13 Budget was \$94 million.

The value of land sales contracts that were rescinded/terminated in 2012-13 were as follows:

- \$6.7 million in standard land sales contracts; and
- \$73.5 million in land rent sales contracts.

For all of the above rescinded/terminated contracts, new sales contracts have subsequently been entered into.

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Date: 22.1.14

By the A/g Minister for Economic Development, Katy Gallagher MLA



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[Ref: Hansard Transcript 9 December 2013, pg 181 (Proof)]

In relation to : Budget funding – Capital Metro Agency

MR COE: On page 30, the bottom dot point says:

Other expenses were \$4.1 million higher than budget mainly due to costs associated with supporting the Capital Metro Project and ... stamp duty equivalent payment.

Will you please advise what the detail is behind that point?

Mr Barr: Prior to the budget funding of the Capital Metro Agency, some of the initial work was supported through other areas of government.

MR COE: What works were undertaken as part of that \$4.1 million?

Mr Barr: We can provide some information on that.

Mr Walsh: The majority of those costs were employee costs as they established the authority. There was a small component of consulting costs. I do not have the detail in front of me now, but that is the broad expenditure of that money last year.

MR COE: Are you able to give a breakdown of the costs for EDD?

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The variance of \$4.1 million between the 2012-13 budget and 2012-13 audited outcome for other expenses for the Land Development Agency (LDA) mainly related to Stamp Duty equivalent payments (\$2.7 million), the reimbursement of employee costs incurred by the Economic Development Directorate in implementing the early stages of the Capital Metro project (\$0.6 million) and the donation expense for the Franklin Charity House (\$0.6 million).

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PETAMS 47

Asked by Mr Wall on 9 December 2013: Mr Reynolds took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, PAGE 184]

In relation to: Capital Works Projects

MR WALL: There was a two-year delay in the shade structure in Gungahlin.

Mr Reynolds: I am not familiar with that one, but I can take that on notice.

MR WALL: Yes, what the reasons were for that one. That was another substantial delay on what would be a fairly straightforward bit of capital works, you would imagine. Yes; could you take that on notice.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Certificate for Practical Completion for the Gungahlin Town Centre shade structures was issued on 15 March 2011. Subject to minor delays, this is considered a reasonable extension to the original completion date of December 2010.

Final asset acceptance from the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate was issued on 12 July 2012, after the 52 week defect period.

Financial completion of the contract, that is final payment, occurred on 2 September 2012. In relation to the information in the Annual Report, it would appear that the Contract Completion has been inadvertently recorded as Practical Completion.

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Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 20.12.2013

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Asked by Mr Wall on 9 December 2013: Ms Hargreaves took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, page 189]

In relation to: Internal Audit Reviews – Credit card usage

MR WALL: I would like some more information on the recommendations that were made following the review.

Ms Hargreaves: I can give you a rough outline. Unfortunately, I do not have that level of detail with me today. At the end of the day, our credit card usage could be improved slightly. It had to do with credit card holders. I think there were maybe one or two that had not presented timely acquittals of their credit cards.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The internal audit – Review of Credit Card Usage (April 2013) – The review identified opportunities to strengthen the Directorate's credit card framework. The following recommendations provided in the internal audit report have been implemented by the Directorate.

Recommendation 1

In accordance with whole-of-government guidelines, the Directorate should ensure that each cardholder has appropriately completed the initial application procedures, which includes completion of all required documents. The Directorate should also ensure that completed approval documents are filed with the relevant business unit.

Recommendation 2

In line with better practice, all cardholders and business units should receive formal training regarding the appropriate use and acquittal of Directorate credit cards. The procedures found within Shared Services' guidance could form the basis for this training.

Recommendation 3

Cardholders should be reminded of the importance of ensuring valid tax invoices are obtained for all credit card purchases. This communication could be facilitated through the training recommended in Section 4.2.

The Directorate should periodically review the use of statutory declarations to identify if there are Divisions or cardholders who make regular use of them, in order to remind them of the requirement to obtain valid tax invoices wherever possible.

Recommendation 4

The Directorate should:

- confirm the required sign-offs in the acquittal process and communicate these to all cardholders and authorised signatories
- ensure that all monthly acquittal forms are reviewed and signed off by both officers
- not process credit card statements without a completed acquittal form. These should be returned to the cardholder for completion of the proper acquittal process.

Recommendation 5

In accordance with prescribed guidance, the authorised signatories should ensure that details/documentation explaining how the expenses relate to business usage is provided by the credit cardholder prior to their sign off.

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Asked by Mr Wall on 9 December 2013: Ms Hargreaves took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, page 184]

In relation to: Internal Audit Reviews – payment of invoices

MR WALL: I would like some more information on the recommendations that were made following the review.

MR WALL: What about the review of payment of invoices?

Ms Hargreaves: Again, I can give you that level of detail on notice. But they were minor. It was actually quite a good audit.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The internal audit report – Review of the Payment of Invoices (April 2013) – stated that there were no instances of non-compliance and that there were opportunities to strengthen the control framework relating to the Directorate's payment of invoices. The following recommendations provided in the internal audit report have been implemented by the Directorate.

Recommendation 1

It is recommended that the Directorate develop standard operating procedures to assist with the payment of invoices for the EDD and TVE Finance teams. Content should include step-by-step processes from receiving the invoice to the approval of the payment run for Shared Services or TVE. The procedures should be reviewed at least annually, and updated to reflect current practices and evolving requirements of legislation or policy.

Recommendation 2

It is recommended that formal training be implemented to complement the procedures outlined in Recommendation 1.

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Asked by Mr Wall on 9 December 2013: Ms Hargreaves took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 9 December 2013, page 184]

In relation to: Internal Audit Reviews – Review of salary acquittal reports

MR WALL: I would like some more information on the recommendations that were made following the review.

MR WALL: With the review of salary acquittal reports, I presume that would be taken on notice as well?

Ms Hargreaves: It would be, but they were all very minor. We were really pleased with the outcome of those reports.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The internal audit report – Review of salary acquittal reports (June 2013) – stated that overall the acquittals were found to be processed in a timely manner and generally in line with the ACT Auditor-General's recommendations. The following recommendations provided in the internal audit report have been implemented by the Directorate.

Recommendation 1

Strategic Finance should document the salary acquittal process for the business units, including:

- The purpose of the acquittal.
- Which positions should be responsible for reviewing, dating and signing off on the reports, and the number of officers required to perform the review.
- What information designated officers should be reviewing (eg appropriateness of employees and their positions), and the most effective method of review (eg to an organisational chart).
- Reporting timeframes.
- Errors which may be encountered and the process for correcting them, with both Strategic Finance and, if necessary, the Human Resources area.
- Maintenance and security of documentation.
- Frequently Asked Questions, and the contact details for queries.

Recommendation 2

The expected level of review should be formalised within the guidance documentation. To facilitate the checking of all components within the report, Strategic Finance may wish to update the report to provide, at least, the expected fortnightly salary so that reviewers can confirm the salary amount is appropriate. If considered appropriate, they may also include prior period figures in the report, so that reviewers can see any variances and follow up appropriately.

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PETAMS 51

Asked by Mr Smyth on 9 December 2013: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, page 191]

In relation to: Civic Stadium

MR SMYTH: Is it possible to provide the committee with a breakdown of money directly spent on the stadium over the last four years?

Mr Barr: Yes. It would be very little.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The City Stadium was proposed as part of City to the Lake. City to the Lake considered the broad southern flank of the City in a holistic way. A number of major facilities including a City Stadium have been considered within this overall context. There has been no expenditure on the City Stadium proposal outside of the City to the Lake study. The amount of money spent (excluding GST) on the City to the Lake urban strategy over the last four years is \$1.22million (at October 2013).

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 9 December 2013: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s): 1 6 JAN 2014

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013 page 191]

In relation to: Canberra Stadium Design work

MR SMYTH: What design work has been done?

Mr Barr: A considerable amount in relation to options for the football world cup and the different reconfiguration options for Canberra Stadium going back to—I am saying—2008-2009, I think, from memory. I will check those dates just to confirm. There were three or four different reconfiguration options considered for Canberra Stadium, with various costs. It was for quite some time available online on the territory venues and events website. I am not sure whether it still is. I can check and we can certainly reproduce that information that was provided publicly.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In 2008-09, development business cases and master plans were prepared for Canberra Stadium and Manuka Oval by a consultant team lead by KPMG with Populous sports architects as the primary sub-consultants.

Four master plan design options were prepared for Canberra Stadium. These were provided on the Canberra Stadium website until late 2012 when the website was upgraded. A description of the four options that was provided on the website is reproduced below.

Canberra Stadium Master Plan Option Cs1

The Stadium

The West (Mal Meninga) Stand would be upgraded to meet national stadium trends and spectator expectations. The upgrade would comply with the minimum standards of the relevant sporting codes: Rugby Union, Rugby League and Football (Soccer).

Seating capacity would be increased from 25,000 to 26,500 people. The current stadium offers little protection from the south westerly's that roar in during the winter months. Option Cs1 includes a new roof over the West Stand, so that 80 per cent of spectators there will be sitting under cover compared to 20 per cent at present.

The upgrade would include a full refurbishment of the team facilities, the corporate lounge level (increased capacity) and the media facilities. The capacity of the corporate facilities would be increased from 480 persons to 800 persons. A new corporate entry, main commercial production kitchen and stadium shop/museum would be constructed.



New sports lights would be included on the front edge of the West Stand to help reduce the light spill. The existing western light towers would be removed but those on the east side of the stadium would be retained.

The Plaza:

A public plaza would be established around the stadium. The public would have greater access around the precinct rather than just from the east and west ends as at present. The area would be lit to provide a greater level of safety and security than at present.

The plaza would be landscaped and an engaging streetscape developed to provide areas for rest and contemplation, as well as performance and art. New entrances and ticketing kiosks would be developed that would improve the address of the stadium to the street, making it easier to find your way and quicker to enter the stadium.

Traffic and Transport:

A bus transit hub would be established in the south-east corner of the site close to the Stadium. The hub would have direct access to and from Gungahlin Drive. Development of the transit hub would separate bus and car traffic and make it more attractive than at present to use public transport to travel to and from events at the Stadium.

The bus transit hub could operate on event and non-event days. Battye Street would be extended to meet Masterman Street. The new road would be a double width, 'shared way' boulevard ("Walk of Legends"). The boulevard would introduce a more open feel to the precinct and create a new front entrance for the Stadium.

Parking would be located to the west and north-east of the Stadium.

Development Opportunities:

Option Cs1 identifies two major development areas to the east and west of the Stadium. These sites could be developed for mixed use activities and would support the bus transit hub.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

Option Cs1 could be implemented in a single stage. It would take approximately 18 months to two years to construct.

Indicative Construction Costs:

\$60-100 million (excluding cost of additional seating)

Option Cs1 would create a much improved facility for rugby and soccer and spectators but it represents a relatively short term upgrade to an ageing facility.

Canberra Stadium Master Plan Option Cs2

Option Cs2 includes all the works identified in Option Cs1. In addition the roof over the East Stand would be replaced and a new roof constructed over the Southern area. The roofs would provide coverage for 80 per cent of spectators in these stands. Overall 75 per cent of spectators could have covered seating (with the West Stand also roofed).

Lights would be attached to the east and south roofs and all light towers would be removed.

A new front door would be provided in the East Stand for the corporate patrons.

Traffic and Transport:

The traffic and transport arrangements would be the same as in Option Cs1 Development Opportunities.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

Option Cs2 would be constructed in three stages and would take approximately three years to complete. The existing field of play would be retained during construction.

Indicative Costs:

\$80-120 million (includes Cs1 development)

Canberra Stadium Master Plan Option Cs3

Option Cs3 replaces the existing stadium with a new rectangular stadium.

The Stadium:

This option provides for a new rectangular stadium rebuilt on the same site as the existing Canberra Stadium. The new stadium would provide permanent seating for 26,500 people and temporary seating for a total of up to 40,000 people.

The new stadium would provide a range of spectator experiences for general admission patrons to corporate visitors in a modern environment.

The facility would consist of a large single lower tier for general admission; dine and-view and pen-box patrons.

The upper levels of the West Stand would accommodate function rooms, corporate suites, open enclosed boxes (loge), team facilities, timekeepers, media and security. Team facilities and media facilities would comply with the relevant minimum standards.

A service road around the stadium beneath the lower tier would provide service vehicles access around the stadium. The service road also includes parking for around 150 cars.

A wide concourse would be located at the back of the lower seating bowl, allowing patrons to walk around the stadium, while never losing site of the action on the field of play. This is an important aspect of the current stadium, which it was considered important to retain.

The roof would be a single plane, with a front edge of Ethylene tetrafluoroethylene (ETFE), allowing for natural sunlight to reach the playing surface. The solid elements of the roof would be profiled metal sheeting, giving a good base for solar panels as one of a number of Environment and Sustainable Development initiatives being considered.

The roof would accommodate sports lights along the front edge, which would reduce light spill to neighbouring areas. The existing light towers would be removed.

The roof would cover 80 per cent of seating in the new stadium.

The façade treatment is proposed as a celebration of the bushland setting of the Stadium and Canberra.

The Plaza:

The area around the new stadium would be a public plaza, allowing greater public access throughout the precinct and views across the site, rather than from the east and west ends only.

The Plaza would be well lit, increasing security and safety in the precinct.

The plaza would be landscaped and an engaging streetscape developed to provide areas for rest and contemplation, as well as performance and art.

Traffic and Transport:

Battye Street would be extended to meet Masterman Street as proposed in Option Cs1.

The transit hub is similar to that described in option Cs1.

Development Opportunities:

The development opportunities are the same as Cs1 and Cs2.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

It is proposed that construction would be undertaken in four stages over a five year period.

Indicative Costs:

\$200-250 million.

Canberra Stadium Master Plan Option Cs4**About Option Cs4 + Mo3**

Option Cs4 + Mo3 establish a significant sports and entertainment precinct on par with major venues elsewhere, such as Moore Park in Sydney. It would create a "sense of place" and of "pride" and of future successes.

Option Cs4 + Mo3 involves the creation of an accessible and open elite sporting and entertainment precinct that includes a new rectangular stadium located to the east of the existing Stadium on the existing eastern car park.

Canberra Stadium would be converted back to the 1985 facility Oval format. Rugby and soccer would be played in the new rectangular stadium. Professional cricket and AFL would be transferred to the existing Canberra Stadium from Manuka Oval.

Manuka Oval would be converted to a community oval, similar to the oval in 1955.

The Canberra Stadium Component (Option Cs4)**The Stadia:**

The new rectangular stadium would be a similar design to the new stadium in Option Cs3. It would however be located on the existing eastern car park. The existing Canberra Stadium would be significantly modified to return it to its Oval format. The modifications to the Stadium would include changes to the team facilities so that they meet the minimum standards of major Cricket and AFL events.

The existing corporate facilities and spectator facilities would not be substantially changed. The existing stadium and the new stadium would have new state of the art playing fields installed.

The new playing field at the existing stadium would be established on a suspended slab over a new car park (similar to Telstra Dome in Melbourne). This parking would replace some of the cars spaces (approximately 750 cars) in the eastern car park.

The re-use of the existing Canberra Stadium as the home for ACT Cricket and AFL NSW/ACT would enable each sport to increase their events schedule, including day/night and night games. Canberra Stadium Master Plan Option Cs4 and Manuka Oval Master Plan Mo3 Manuka Oval would be returned to a community Oval in a park, with either just the Bradman Stand or three corporate facilities, being the Bradman, Hawke and Menzies Stands still located on the Oval (Option Mo3).

The Plaza:

The plaza would be a public realm and pre-function space for the entertainment venues on the site.

This area would be landscaped and an attractive streetscape established with clear signage, areas of relaxed contemplation and street art and activities. This area and the activities would enhance the spectator experience.

The area between the new and existing stadia would be the heart of the precinct. Shops and cafés would be located along the plinth line of the new stadium to activate the space on event and non-event days.

Traffic and Transport Arrangements:

In general the traffic and transport arrangements would be same as in previous options.

Parking arrangements would, however differ. The eastern parking area would be developed as the new stadium. Parking for 750 cars would be constructed under the surface of the existing stadium.

Development Opportunities:

Development opportunities, including for mixed use activities are located to the east and west of the stadiums.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

It is proposed that the development would be undertaken in three stages over four years, including the Manuka Oval redevelopment.

The Manuka Oval Component (Option Mo3)

The Oval:

The oval would be returned to its historic roots. The Bradman Stand (and possibly the Hawke and Menzies Stands, if redeveloped before this option is adopted) would be retained.

The remaining stands and the seating bowl would be demolished and would be replaced by grass berms around the oval. The existing toilet facilities would remain.

Option Mo3 would establish a tangible community link with the oval, while giving the sports a properly appointed new home at Canberra Stadium that could accommodate a more expansive event calendar due to using the existing lighting towers for night and day/night games.

The Plaza:

The master plaza, landscape, security and entrance principles would be the same as Mo1.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

It is proposed that this development would be undertaken in a single stage over approximately nine months to one year.

Indicative Costs

\$300-350 million (Cs4)

\$7-10 million (Mo3)

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 9 December 2013: Mr Guthrie took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, page 201]

In relation to: Canberra Business and Events Centre – impact on Floriade annually

MR SMYTH: So as a consequence of the parking arrangements this year, were any events cancelled?

Mr Guthrie: I believe there were events cancelled. I do not have the detail. I certainly was speaking with Robert, our manager there at the site, and he was speaking with the manager of Floriade from Events ACT about what they could do. But I was aware that there were some events that were cancelled, yes.

MR SMYTH: What is that value of those events, and is the territory liable for compensation?

Mr Guthrie: I do not believe we are liable for compensation. We provided quotes and made it very clear that there were challenges around car parking. Those event organisers, the ones that I was aware of, just moved their event to other sites or delayed to a different date. So far as how much revenue was lost, I can take that on notice, but I can give you an indication that it is maybe between \$5,000 and \$15,000, something like that.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Canberra Business and Events Centre contractor has estimated that between \$12,000 and \$16,000 gross revenue was lost in total for the events cancelled due to limited parking during Floriade.

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Date: 17.1.14

By the Minister for Tourism and Events, Andrew Barr MLA

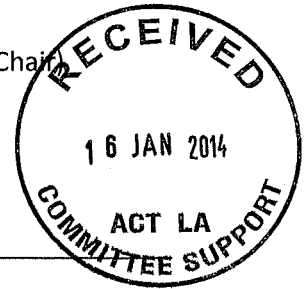


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Asked by Mr Coe on 9 December 2013: Ms Hargreaves took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 9 December 2013, page 204]

In relation to: Public Interest Disclosures

MR COE: In the one referred to on page 238, what sort of time frame was it from the issue being brought to your attention to actually making a ruling that it did not constitute a public interest?

Ms Hargreaves: We initially received information from the Commissioner for Public Administration, I think in April. He basically contacted the individual to let them know that the Economic Development Directorate would be handling it. It was completed by 28 June, from memory. And the particular individual was notified accordingly as to the outcome of that assessment.

MR COE: And prior to the 2012-13 financial year, how regular an occurrence was it to receive such a request?

Ms Hargreaves: It is very rare.

MR COE: And finally, are you able to advise on what grounds this particular issue was deemed to be not worthy of public interest disclosure or appropriate for public interest disclosure?

Ms Hargreaves: I would need to check whether or not I can actually release that for the public record. Can I come back to you on that?

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

It would not be appropriate to release this information to the Committee.

Even where, as in this case, information is not ultimately determined to constitute a public interest disclosure, the information is still "protected information" for the purposes of the section 44 offence provision in the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012* (PID Act).

The entry on page 238 of the annual report is drafted in accordance with that prohibition and with the further legislative requirement in section 45(2) of the PID Act that "the annual report must not include protected information."

Given both those legislative requirements, I consider it would not be appropriate to elaborate further than what is already included in the annual report, namely: "Careful consideration was given to the complaint to assess whether it constituted a public interest disclosure. The outcome of

the assessment was that the complaint did not amount to a public interest disclosure for the purposes of the [PID] Act. The complainant was advised accordingly."

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Asked by Mr Wall on 9 December 2013: Mr Guthrie took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, 9 December 2013, page 206]

In relation to: Expenditure for Floriade and Nightfest

MR WALL: How did the government draw the correlation between the \$27.6 million in direct expenditure and the \$40.4 million increase in gross territory product?

Mr Guthrie: I would have to take that on notice. That is a technical economic question.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- Ernst and Young were contracted to undertake all event evaluation for Floriade 2012, including determining the direct expenditure and gross territory product for the event.
- The purpose of the evaluation is to estimate the economic impact to the ACT as a result of staging Floriade. This has been achieved by estimating the direct and indirect expenditure of those people who visited the ACT specifically for Floriade or extended their stay in the ACT because of the event.
- The economic impact of Floriade on the ACT economy is comprised of:
 - The direct impact, which represents the expenditure in the ACT by interstate and international visitors; and the event operations impact.
 - The indirect impact which captures the multiplier effects of these expenditures on the economy.
 - The direct impact captures the direct spending increase in the ACT that is attributable to the event being staged. Essentially this captures the spending of all visitors that come to the ACT, or extend their stay, specifically because of Floriade (known as the "visitor expenditure"), and the event operations impact.
- When assessing the impact on the ACT economy, expenditure by ACT residents is excluded from the assessment. This treatment assumes that people attending the event that reside within the ACT are most likely using funds already committed to recreational activities within the territory. Therefore no additional benefit is accrued to the ACT. That is, spending simply switches from alternative goods and services.
- The direct expenditure of visitors is derived from:
 - the number of visitors attracted to the ACT because of the event;

- the duration of stay of these visitors;
 - the level of spending of these visitors during their stay.
- It should be noted that the visitor direct expenditure includes the direct expenditure of visitors to both the day and night sessions of Floriade. That is, the assessment incorporates Floriade NightFest.
 - The event operations impact considers the source of revenue earned, and the location of expenditure incurred when staging an event (i.e. from within or outside the ACT). The amount of revenue that arises from outside the ACT that is ultimately spent within the ACT when hosting the event is referred to as the event operations impact. The approach to estimating the event operations impact also acknowledges the impact of any transfer leakages from an economy for items such as event profits and significant licence fee payments. This calculation is represented below:
 - Income generated outside the ACT; multiplied by
 - the percentage of expenditure incurred within the ACT (based on total expenditure of the event less any leakages outside the Territory such as licence fees or event profits); subtract to
 - gross licence fees or event profits that 'leak' from the Territory.
 - It should be noted that the event operations for Floriade do not result in any significant transfer leakages.
 - The indirect impact measures the multiplier effects of the direct expenditure throughout the economy. The additional direct spending produces a second round of spending and income generation. For example, additional money spent at restaurants is allocated between the additional material inputs (such as food and drink), wages, and profits of the proprietor. Wages spent by the employees for example, on household items, circulates the money throughout a broader section of the economy creating indirect benefits. Multiplier effects on support industries are also considered.
 - The multipliers used and therefore the size of the indirect impact, depends on the type of direct expenditure, and the structural features of the economy. The estimated multiplier on the ACT economy is expressed as the increase in Gross Territory Product ("GTP"). GTP is the sum of the value of all income (wages and profits) generated from goods and services produced within the territory for a particular time period. The output multipliers used to determine the indirect impact have been sourced from the ACT Department of Treasury, 'Input-Output Tables for the Australian Capital Region for 2001/02'.

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