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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Asked by MR COE MLA:

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Economic Management, Output 4.1

In relation to: Competitive Procurement - Streetlights

1. To what conclusion did the 'Cross Directive Working Group to develop regulatory reforms to support a competitive procurement for ACT streetlight management', outline on page 46 of the Annual Reports, come to?
 - a. Have the results been published?
 - i. If so, where?
 - ii. If not, why not?
2. How often does the directorate establish such groups and do they result in material changes to the way the ACT Government operates?
3. Streetlights were the most commonly reported item on Fix My Street in 2016-17, and are currently number one for 2017-18. How will the regulatory reforms assist in lowering this number in 2017-18?
4. Do the regulatory reforms require further reporting or alternative reporting for the management of the assets?

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

1. The cross directorate working group examined a variety of issues related to the regulatory framework in which the ACT streetlight network is operated and managed. The working group concluded improvements should be made to the regulatory framework to facilitate a procurement process for a contract to manage, operate and maintain the ACT Government streetlight network.

The results of the work undertaken by the working group were reflected in the Utilities (Streetlight Network) Legislation Amendment Bill 2017, which introduced a number of legislative amendments to clarify key matters associated with the streetlight network, and the regulatory framework in which it operates. The Bill and the Explanatory Statement explaining the changes are available at: http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_55874/default.asp.

- a. Please see response to question 1 above.



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2. Cross directorate working groups are an approach utilised regularly across the ACT Government, as a mechanism for achieving a co-ordinated approach to policy development and projects that impact a number of areas across Government. Depending on the Terms of Reference and aims of the working group in question, these processes can result in outcomes that lead to material changes to the way the ACT Government operates.
3. The regulatory reforms introduced by the Utilities (Streetlight Network) Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 were implemented to support the competitive procurement process for the management of the ACT streetlight network. A key outcome that will be required from the competitive process will be significant improvements in the ongoing operation, maintenance and performance of the streetlight network.
4. No.

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA