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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-23

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Ref: Budget Statement E, Output 6.1: Planning Policy; p. 89 (Development and release of sites in Belconnen)

In relation to: Land Releases in Belconnen Town Centre

1. Can the minister please provide an update on the Belconnen Lakeshore land release (Circus Site Precinct and the Former Belconnen Water Police Site), which was released to market on 17 June 2021 and closed on 7 October 2021, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. How many Request for Proposal (RFP) responses were received?
 - b. How many proponents were advised that they were progressing to stage 2 Request for Tenders (RFT)?
 - c. Was the RFT released in May to the selected tenderers, and if not, what has delayed this process and when will it occur?
 - d. When must stage 2 RFT tenders be submitted by?
 - e. If this date has already past, how many of the proponents selected in stage 1 submitted proposals for stage 2?
 - f. When is it expected that the assessment of tenders will be complete and the winning tenderer will be announced?
2. What is the current projected date for when the Lathlain St Precinct will go to market?
3. Will the release of the Lathlain St Precinct follow the same two-stage process as the Belconnen Lakeshore land release, and if not, what will the process be?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The two-stage tender process for Belconnen Lakeshore is complex and ongoing. Details of such a process cannot yet be made publicly available. Stage 1 - Request for Proposal (RFP) proponents who were not invited to the second stage of the tender process were advised of the outcomes and subsequently debriefed in March 2022.

Stage 2 – Request for Tender (RFT) documents were released in late June and submissions were received in late August 2022. Throughout May and June 2022, a number of ACT Government staff as well as staff from relevant consultants were recovering from COVID-19 which delayed the RFT documents release by one month.

Received tenders are currently being assessed. It is planned that the Evaluation Team will recommend a Preferred Tenderer in October after which the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) will enter into performance-based contract negotiations with the preferred tenderer. Should the negotiations be successful announcement of the Successful Tenderer is anticipated in January 2023.

2. Sites forming Lathlain Street Precinct are on the 2022-23 Indicative Land Release Program (ILRP) and must be released by end June 2023. SLA is currently confirming the release

methodology and dates for the Lathlain Street Precinct taking into consideration dates associated with the Belconnen Lakeshore conclusion.

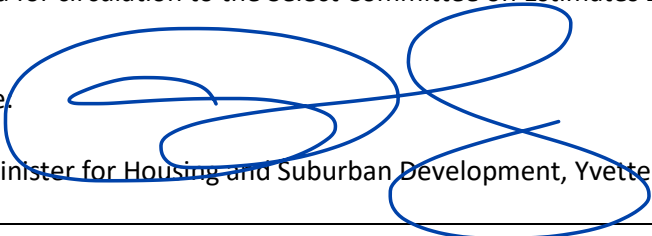
3. The level of information available for the Lathlain Street Precinct releases as well as the combination of all sites in proximity to each other does not warrant a two-stage design-based tender.

Release methodologies being considered are auction or a single stage design based tender or a combination of both. These are currently subject to internal SLA approval processes.

Outcomes of the community engagement undertaken in 2021 and the Belconnen Town Centre Land Release Sites – Place Design Brief will be included in the land release documents for the Lathlain Street Precinct sites.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

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13/09/22

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA