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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Fire and Emergency Services

Redirected to: N/a

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In relation to: Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre (JESC) future funding

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Answer Due Date: 2 August 2024

THE CHAIR: I can see in the budget papers on page 39 it has got the completion date of December 2024, but there is funding in further our-years. There is 2024 and 25 year and the 25-26 year. If it is going to be completed, could you just explain for me what the future funding is for?

Mr Wijemanne: I will have to take that question on notice.

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Each budget year all directorates undertake a reprofiling exercise to align capital projects cash profile with expected cash outflows taking into consideration historical delivery patterns, market conditions and capacity, and any other factors that might influence the delivery milestones.

While the physical completion date for the final phase of the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre (JESC) project, which is to relocate the ACT Rural Fire Service and ACT State Emergency Service units from the JESC to the Mitchell precinct, is expected to be completed by December 2024, the reprofiling recognises the possibility of delays which may be outside the Directorate's control.

However, Subdivision 2.1.3 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* provides for a Capital Works Reserve, which is available to Directorates to access or bring capital funding forward where projects are delivered earlier than anticipated.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA