



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Mr Andrew Mehrton, Executive Branch Manager, Social Policy & Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs

In relation to: Capital of Equality Strategy

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Mr Mehrton took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: ...(indistinct)... [4.24.21] Sorry. I was just going to ask, so you mentioned a progress report later this year. But are you able to give an indication at this point in time how many of the 37 actions within the first action plan have been completed?

Mr Mehrton: I could take that on notice. I am not sure that there – no, there are a handful that I think are completed. But I better take on notice.

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

The First Action Plan (2024-26) (Action Plan) of the Capital of Equality Strategy (2024-29) was launched in May 2024.

The Action Plan has 37 actions. All activities have different implementation timelines. All Directorates holding responsibility for actions will be providing the first annual reporting on the implementation status in May 2025.

As at February 2025, a total of four actions are completed, with another two to be completed by the end of the financial year. One further action is ongoing but completed for 2024-25 (Capital of Equality Grants Program).

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Signature: 

Date: **3.3.25**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA