



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Caitlin Tough MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Capital Injections

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MS TOUGH: Thank you.

Can I stick with the idea of capital injections. Hopefully they are today's ones. Page 220 and 313, it looks like there was \$15 million injected that was not actually drawn down. And the notes say it was delayed due to extensive procurement negotiations in consultation processes. What projects do these relate to? And what were the delays?

Ms Cheyne: I think that is a good question. And it is something that we do see across government. So this is the EPSDD Annual Report, yes?

MS TOUGH: Yes.

Ms Cheyne: So my computer has gone into the circle of death.

MS TOUGH: It is all right. It looks like Mr Peffer has got the hard copy.

Mr Peffer: I am just trying—sorry, what was the page? 313?

MS TOUGH: 313 and 220.

Ms Cheyne: And so, often we do have funding provisioned for a project, and so if it is a capital injection it would be to build something. But it— and so if we have not drawn it down, it almost certainly means that we have rolled it over and got approval from treasury to do that. And by rolling it over, that means we are still committed to the project but the timeframe for delivery is probably longer than we first thought it would be. As to what the specific projects are, I am not sure.

Ms Tetley: Melissa Tetley, Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

I am just bringing up the budget paper. They would have been listed as three profiled in the 25-26 budget papers. I just do not have them on hand at the moment, but they were a range of projects.

MS TOUGH: Yes. so it was more than one project?

Ms Tetley: There was more than one. I am just trying to bring that up very, very, quickly for you.

MS TOUGH: That is all right. If it needs to be taken on notice, if it is not with you, that is all right.

THE CHAIR: Can we take that on notice?

Ms Tetley: We can take that on notice. Yes, sorry.

Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

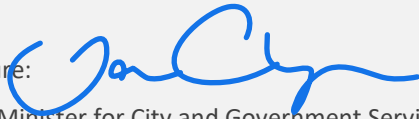
There was \$15.113 million of capital injection not drawn down in 2025-26.

The list of projects include:

Initiative
Minister Cheyne – Minister for City and Government Services
Better community infrastructure – Improving Tidbinbilla and Canberra Nature Park
Better community infrastructure – Making Canberra a premier mountain bike destination
Bushfire Safety Risk Reduction
West Kenny Environmental Offset and Design of the Molonglo Special Purpose Reserve
Improving Visitor Experience at Tidbinbilla and Canberra Nature Parks
Minister Steel – Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development/Heritage
Better community infrastructure – Increased site works for Watson Section 76
Implementing planning reforms
Delivering Heritage Reforms
Investing in public services – Extending the Loose-Fill Asbestos Coordination team
Minister Orr – Minister for Climate Change, Environment Energy and Water
Big Canberra Battery - Stream 2
Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy
Office of Water - Safeguarding the Territory's Water Resources
Various Ministers
Asset Renewal Program 2024-25

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA

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