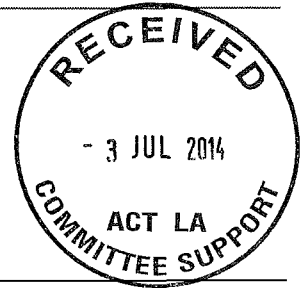




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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MR DOSZPOT : To ask the Chief Minister

[Ref: Chief Minister and Treasury, Budget Statement, page number 18]

In relation to : Revised Funding Profile – Digital Canberra

1. The total cost for this initiative was \$3.688m, it has now been rolled over and revised to a total of \$3.028 for government payments for outputs with the remaining \$660k being rolled over to Capital injections, provide details on the change to the funding model?
2. Provide details of what priorities from the Digital Canberra Action Plan are expected to be delivered in which forward years?
3. What is the total cost for the provision of Wi-Fi to town centres by ACT Gov?
4. When will the first rollout take place?
5. When will each subsequent rollout take place to other centres, which centres?
6. What is the result of negotiations with iiNet over bandwidth capacity?
7. What will the download and time limits be?
8. What speeds will be delivered; will speeds be identical in each town centre?
9. Telstra has now released documentation on the delivery of its own Wi-Fi hotspots around Canberra. How will this affect the CBRfree network?

MS GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The funding profile has been revised to reflect the timing of delivery for projects within the initiative. The revision also reflects a capital provision of \$660 000 for the purchase of infrastructure relating to the Garema Place Digital Space. This includes the purchase of a digital screen.
2. The Digital Canberra Action Plan details five priorities; Smart City, Digital Economy, Connected Community, Open Government and Digital Services. Each of these is being delivered through the five priority projects that are currently underway. Specific details are provided in the following table:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
CBRfree	CBRfree	CBRfree
Stem internships	Stem internships	-
Garema Place digital screen	Garema Place digital screen	-
ICT capacity building workshops	-	-
Pitch panel	-	-
Digital hub	-	-

3. \$2.9 million (ex GST).
4. The first rollout will be through Civic East. This is expected to be completed in October 2014.
5. Remaining locations will be delivered through a rolling (not sequential) program over approximately twelve months. Throughout the program multiple centres will be under construction simultaneously.
Completion is anticipated in the following order: Civic East, Civic West, Parkes and Kingston, Belconnen, Dickson, Woden, Tuggeranong, Gungahlin, Anzac Parade, Bruce, Manuka and Weston Creek.
6. Free public Wi-Fi will operate on an aggregated bandwidth of 400mbps.
7. Users will, within a 24 hour period, have the following limits: unlimited 45 minute sessions (requiring re-authentication to maintain an active connection), and a 100mb download limit. In relation to the download limit we will review the limit with a view to increasing it on a quarterly basis depending on usage.
The download limit applied in future quarters will be 10 times the median daily usage calculated over the previous quarter, but not less than 100MB per day.
8. The service provided will be identical in each town centre with speeds of 2mbps down and 1mbps up, with bursts of up to 10mbps.
9. Telstra is delivering Wi-Fi for paying customers. The CBRfree network will be provided for the use of all within the community – not paying customers.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

Signature:



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By the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher MLA