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Inquiry into referred 2015–16 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 3
27 February 2017

Mr Pettersson MLA asked the Treasurer, upon notice, on 27 February 2017:

In relation to Canberra Convention Centre:

MR PETTERSSON: I had one quick follow-up, a supplementary. You mentioned a deal of \$40 million over 10 years invested in convention centres in Canberra. Has there been any investment from the federal government in these facilities?

Mr Barr: No, I would not think so, but I will check the record there. But we did an upgrade in, from memory, about 2007 and then a couple of budgets ago funded two years worth of work. And we would be at the tail end of that upgrade. That has included redoing the Royal Theatre, upgrading the toilet facilities and the like throughout the centre. It was a two year program of work. We can get the detail of that.

Mr Barr MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The National Convention Centre was opened in August 1989. Ownership was transferred to the ACT Government in 1988 at the point of self Government whilst the facility was under construction.

ACT Property Group has been the custodian of the National Convention Centre since 2007. The capital upgrade work funded by ACT Government has been \$25m in 2007 and \$5.381m in 2015-16. The latest upgrades have occurred over two Stages with Stage 2 scheduled for completion in June 2017. The work includes installing new carpet and furniture in the foyer, refurbishing its reception area and improving the conference office, adding a designated cloak room, rolling out a major upgrade of bathrooms, and installing digital signage.

The Federal Government has not provided any investment in these facilities since transfer of ownership in 1988.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr', written in a cursive style.

Date: 8.3.17

Mr Andrew Barr MLA
Treasurer