



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Asked by MR MILLIGAN MLA:**

Annual Report CMTEDD, Treasury, 9.5 Venues

In relation to:



1. P. 78 - With regard to the monies being spent on Manuka Oval, are there any plans underway to upgrade the Oval to be able to host Big Bash cricket games?
2. P. 77 - The GIO Stadium is a popular venue with a number of major events hosted. An, increase over previous years. What are the future plans for the Stadium?
  - a. What money has been spend on the Capital upgrades as listed on p. 80?
  - b. What was the cost of the solar panels installed (p. 184)?
  - c. What are the projected cost savings of the panels?
  - d. What other works need to be completed?
3. P. 186 - The use of water bubblers and bottle fill stations at Venues - What has been the cost of the spending on this initiative?
  - a. What has been the impact on the sale of disposable water bottles?
  - b. Are any statistics available to support this move and investment?
4. P. 200- What is the New Stadium Feasibility Study to be completed June 2018?
  - a. Has this been started?
  - b. Who will be undertaking this study?
  - c. Has a tender gone out for the study?

**Mr BARR MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. There are no plans to upgrade Manuka Oval specifically for Big Bash cricket matches however, there are programmed improvements planned including turf replacement and the construction of a media and broadcast centre.
2. Plans for GIO Stadium include regular maintenance and upgrades to attract national and international events.
  - a. Cost of replacement of heating and cooling systems - \$176,250  
Cost of upgrade of the waste compound - \$12,800  
Cost of general precinct improvements - \$109,410



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- b. 72 solar panels were installed in the 2009/10 financial year at GIO Stadium at a cost of \$313,207.
  - c. Current savings cannot be identified.
  - d. Other works to be completed in 2017/18 are improving merchandise stands; creating a new hospitality structure; upgrading change rooms; and signage upgrades.
3. The cost to Venues Canberra for portable water stations has been \$6,600.
  - a. There has not been a significant change in sales.
  - b. No statistics are available.
4. The New Stadium Feasibility Study was funded in the 2012/13 financial year and undertaken by the former Office of the Coordinator General. Due to an oversight, this project was incorrectly reported as being ongoing. The project has completed.

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

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA