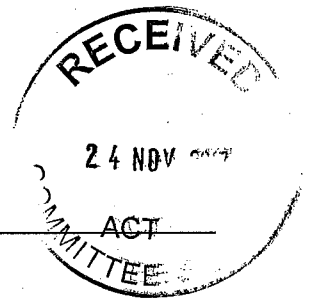




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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Asked by MR COE MLA:

Chief Minister, Treasurer and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Government Policy Reform, Output 1.1

In relation to Interjurisdictional MOUs:

1. Did any changes occur in terms of the ACT responsibilities or benefits from the renewal of ACT-NSW MOU for Regional Collaboration?
 - a. If so, please outline these changes.
2. What did NSW's withdrawal mean for the ACT Government and future of Jervis Bay?
 - a. Did this have an effect on ongoing talks with the Commonwealth Government?
 - b. What did the NSW Government previously contribute in terms of discussion and any actual service delivery?
3. What is the current status of the discussions with the commonwealth in relation to Jervis Bay?
 - a. Has the ACT Government attempted to bring NSW back to the table?
4. For what reasons did the NSW Government withdraw from discussions regarding Jervis Bay?
 - a. Could the withdrawal have been prevented?

CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. ACT agencies continue to progress initiatives under the three broad themes of the ACT-NSW MoU for Regional collaboration including economic development, the built and natural environment and integrated Service planning. The recent announcement with the NSW Deputy Premier detailed the progress from the 2016-17 work plan and details for the 2017-18 work plan. Changes to the 2017-18 work plan reflect the opportunities around tourism and freight, improved transport connectivity, school capacity mapping, uniform container deposit scheme and greater coordination of ACT and NSW child protection services.
2. ACT Government continues to provide services to the JBT community under the 2012 MoU between the ACT and Commonwealth Government.
 - a. No
 - b. The service delivery by NSW and ACT Government continues as per existing arrangements.
3. ACT Government continues to work with the Commonwealth Government to review the existing service arrangements.
 - a. No



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4. NSW Premier wrote to me in April 2017 saying she did not support pursuing a change to the current service delivery arrangements in place for the Jervis Bay Territory.
 - a. NSW withdrawal was a NSW Government decision.

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

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 24.11.2017

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA