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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by NICOLE LAWDER: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage Ref: EPSDD, Heritage, 3.1

In relation to: APOLLO 11

- 1) Where are the plans for Apollo 11 centenary celebrations up to?
- 2) Who has the government consulted with?
- 3) What events are planned by the ACT Government to celebrate the event?
- 4) When will these plans be released to the public?

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) ACT Heritage will be supporting the 50th anniversary celebrations via two of its key community deliverables: the ACT Heritage Grants Program and the annual Canberra and Region Heritage Festival.

On 13 September 2018 the Minister for the Environment and Heritage announced 18 projects to be funded by the 2018-19 Heritage Grants Program. Four projects, totaling \$0.104M specifically relate to celebrating the moon landing.

The 2018-19 ACT capital works project *Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing* has been progressed by Parks and Conservation Service. Design has progressed on the following elements:

- A concept for a commemorative feature at the Honeysuckle Creek tracking station site spelling out ***One Small Step...One Giant leap*** has been developed in consultation with the Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Committee (made up of ex-employees of the ACT NASA tracking stations). Honeysuckle Station transmitted these words to the world.
- Public 'star lounges' for comfortable reclining to allow viewing of the sky (both day and night).
- Upgraded walking trail hubs at the former Orroral Valley Tracking Station site, Honeysuckle Creek and Orroral Valley campground to connect the historic sites and link to Ngunnawal culture through artwork and storytelling elements;
- Interpretive signage at the Geodetic Dome to describe its history; and

- Trail upgrades and new intermediate trail markers connecting Honeysuckle Creek Tracking station, Orroral Valley Tracking Station, Geodetic Dome and Orroral Valley campground.
- 2) The Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Committee (an external committee comprised of ex-employees of the tracking station and the manager of the Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex) have been consulted in the development of ideas and proposals. The group continues to be engaged.
 - 3) Events ACT within the Economic Development Division plan and deliver a wide range of events in the ACT each year. To recognise and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing in 2019, Events ACT are looking at ways to augment existing events to incorporate activities that relate to the moon landing and also showcase the ACT's historic involvement in the space industry. Events ACT has recognised potential opportunities in the highly popular festivals Enlighten and Floriade, as well Reconciliation Day which will have its second anniversary in the ACT in 2019.
 - 4) I provided a response to the Assembly on 27 November 2018 on the Apollo 11 - 50th Anniversary Resolution passed by the Assembly on 11 April 2018.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

Signature:



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By the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA