



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 40

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 COE MLA:

Chief Minister, Treasurer and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Financial Management, Output 4.2

In relation to: Infrastructure Reform Working Group

1. Please provide an outline about the work of the Infrastructure Reform Working Group.
 - a. What is the scope of their work?
 - b. What is the timeframe?
 - c. When will the report be published?
 - i. Will it be public?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - d. What stakeholder and community engagement will be undertaken?
2. Has the working group finished its report on strategic infrastructure planning?
 - a. If yes, what are the recommendations of the report?
 - b. If no, when will the working group complete the report?
3. What are the key projects or initiatives that come under the title 'strategic planning'?
 - a. What are the time periods considered under 'strategic planning'?

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

1. The Infrastructure Reform Working Group (IRWG) was established under instruction of the Strategic Board, to investigate and provide a report on options and principles relating to strategic infrastructure planning and efficient infrastructure delivery in the ACT. It comprised Senior Executives from each ACT Government Directorate.
 - a. IRWG was to make recommendations (based on current and historic data and benchmarking against other jurisdictions) that would deliver improvements to the way in which the capital works programme is managed and delivered. The IRWG was also asked to consider strategic infrastructure planning, prioritising works and long term considered planning, integrated with the budget processes.
 - b. January 2017 through to September 2017.



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- c. A preliminary report was produced for the information of Strategic Board.
 - i. No.
 - ii. It is a preliminary report only and cabinet-in-confidence.
 - d. The IRWG Core Project Team met with other jurisdictions who have established advisory bodies. No community engagement was planned for the IRWG.
2. The IRWG prepared a preliminary report.
- a. The preliminary recommendations included the establishment of an Infrastructure Planning and Advisory Committee to provide advice and agree recommendations in relation to strategic infrastructure planning and delivery in the Territory.
 - b. The work of the IRWG will now be continued and developed under the newly established Infrastructure Planning and Advisory Committee.
3. The strategic planning imperatives included:
- Improved strategic delivery of capital works and long term value for money for the Territory;
 - More informed budget processes and industry engagement;
 - Increased strategic connectivity for capital works projects across Directorates;
 - Improved governance on capital works projects;
 - Consideration of strategic infrastructure planning, prioritising works and long term considered planning, integrated with the budget processes
- a. Time periods are now being developed under the direction of the Infrastructure Planning and Advisory Committee.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA