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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 5 November 2018

Asked by MR COE MLA:

In relation to referral to the master plan for Kingston railway station:

MR COE: So where do you think that—with regard to the master plan for Kingston railway station.

Mr Barr: You will need to talk to the planning people in relation to that. I will take that on notice.

MR COE: But you did mention principal upgrades to Kingston station.

Mr Barr: Yes. Yes, that is owned by New South Wales.

MR COE: Yes.

Mr Barr: That is not our asset.

MR COE: Yes.

Mr Barr: So as part of any improvements to the service, they may well need to look at improvements to the station.

MR COE: Yes.

Mr Barr: But in relation to the planning process, I think that is probably best raised with the planning minister. Planning officials. But if there is anything specific that I can take on notice this morning, I will.

[...]

MR COE: But it has not come on—has not come to—on your agenda as chief minister?

Mr Barr: Well, not the details in relation to—that I can recall in front of everyone. Now, I am happy to take on notice and provide an update to the committee.

ACTING TREASURER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I am advised by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate:

The Canberra Railway Station and railway corridor to the NSW/ACT border are managed by the NSW Government's regional railway operations and infrastructure subsidiaries (or nominated representatives) under licence.

In accordance with the repeal of the *Seat of Government Railways Act 1928*, the land is unleased Territory land.

The Government has been engaged in ongoing discussions with the NSW Government about the Canberra – Sydney rail corridor. As part of those discussions we have indicated our willingness to contribute to station and track upgrades as necessary to facilitate this broader beneficial project.

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

Signature:

Date:

By the Acting Treasurer, Yvette Berry MLA