



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE** **22 February 2022**

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA on 22 February 2022: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Accountability Indicators for Capital Works – Comparison of original and revised timeframe and budget.

THE CHAIR: No, thank you. We are good. Thank you. We will go straight into questions. So I should offer the first question. Your accountability indicators for capital works are addressed on pages 33 and 34 and I would like to focus on the budget and time aspects of these. The results seem too good to be true, and once you get into the footnotes it is clear why. You are reporting based on revised budgets and timeframes. For all of your projects since you were established, both completed and in progress, will you commit to provide—or on notice is fine—the number of projects completed within the original schedule and budget and both the original and final budget and schedule?

Mr Barr: We report, Madam Chair, through the annual report and through budget and the mid-year update in relation to the timeframes for capital works. We also have a report every six months. COVID has impacted on both supply of labour and materials. So we have made adjustments, and that is reflected in the annual report.

Ms Lee: Supplementary, Chair?

THE CHAIR: Yes, please. Thank you.

MS LEE: Yes, thank you, Chair. Chief Minister, noting your response and in terms of the rescoping, are you able to provide to the committee for their benefit an outline of the original timeframe and budget compared to the revised or the rescoped timeframe and budget?

Mr Barr: That is available in the budget papers and the annual report.

MS LEE: Can you tell me what page, please?

Mr Barr: I will take that on notice.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Original and revised timeframes and budgets are provided in the Capital Works appendices to Part C Financial Management Reporting of each Directorate Annual Report. These can be found at [Annual Reports - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au)

In addition, information can be found in the Table of "Detailed initiatives by lead agency" in Chapter 3 Budget Outlook and in Appendix C "Infrastructure Investment Program – Works-in-Progress" within the Budget Papers. This can be found at [ACT Budget 2021-22 Budget Outlook](#) and at [Previous ACT budgets - Treasury](#).

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA