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#### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Skills and Training

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In relation to: CIT Woden Campus Project Budget

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**MISS NUTTALL:** Thank you. If that is okay with everyone, yes please. This is probably one of the questions for Major Projects Canberra. The total project value of the CIT Woden Campus in 2024-25 has risen to I think 367 million, which is almost 35 million from last year's budget, and 44.6 million higher than the 2022-23 budget. Would you be able to tell me why this project has gone over budget?

**Mr Steel:** I hand over to Gillian Geraghty and Ashley Cahif from Major Projects Canberra to talk a little bit about the budget which, of course, is not just for the CIT Woden Campus but also the transport interchange and also youth foyer, and there was also some additional components there around the fit-out of the new campus for CIT as well.

**Ms Geraghty:** Thank you, Minister. Gillian Geraghty, Director-General of Major Projects Canberra. I have read and acknowledged the privilege statement.

**Mr Cahif:** Ashley Cahif, Acting Deputy Director-General, Major Projects Canberra. I have read and acknowledge the privileges statement.

**Ms Geraghty:** I might just clarify the question—where you are referencing?

**MISS NUTTALL:** Yes, so referencing the successive budgets. I think this is Major Projects Canberra page 18, or it is 22 of the PDF in this one, but that the total project value has risen to \$367 million, which is up almost \$35 million from last year's budget and 44.7 from the 2022-23 budget.

**Mr Cahif:** Apologies. I will need to take on notice the exact figures, but there have been movements in the value of the project. All of our contracts in relation to projects reflect a risk allocation, and part of what happens as we go through construction is risk events often occur, and that may change the value of those risk events and may change the value of the contracts.

As the minister also mentioned, there has been additional funding put in for furniture fitting and equipment as we move more from construction into fit-out and actually operational aspects of the

CIT Woden campus. Also, in terms of the public transport interchange component of it, there was risk associated with utilities, which has also affected the value of the contracts.

**Mr Chris Steel MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

I refer the member to QTON 28 (from the 2022-23 Annual Report Hearings) for an outline of scope changes approved by Government on 25 May 2022.

On 8 November 2023, Government approved a revised CIT Woden Campus Project budget. This included funding for:

- Contingency to address Territory held risks, arising from extended project durations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, global supply change disruption, and delays arising from adverse weather in Australia, along with realised risks events that have resulted in contractual entitlement to the Territory's contractors.
- To implement the Territory's commitment to transition away from the use of fossil-fuel gas, in accordance with the ACT Climate Change Strategy 2019-2025. To demonstrate the Territory's innovation and leadership in transitioning towards 100 per cent electric, all gas infrastructure and equipment to deliver culinary courses will be replaced with electric infrastructure, induction appliances and associated equipment. This will assist with the Project's target of achieving a Six Star Greenstar rating.
- For CIT Yurauna to incorporate updates to project scope from stakeholder consultations. Requirements identified during stakeholder engagements, particularly with First Nations stakeholders, have increased spatial allowances in the new facility to support cultural requirements.
- To address key stakeholders' requirements (including CIT, Digital Data and Technology Solutions and Transport Canberra and City Services) identified during the design development phase of the Project, including operational efficiencies and meeting registered training organisation standards and targeted learning outcomes.
- Information and Communication Technology requirements (including evolved Audio-Visual), as a result of changes in technology and increasing requirements for flexible and increased digital learning in a post-pandemic educational environment, ensuring the project objectives are achieved.

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By the Minister for Skills and Training, Chris Steel MLA