



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 20 November 2023

In relation to: EPIC Redevelopment

- (1) What impact will the upgrade to EPIC have on the Capital Region Farmers markets?
- (2) What communication has occurred with the Rotary Club of Hall (RCH) and Director of the Capital Region Farmers Market?
- (3) How long will this impact the Capital Region Farmers markets?

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

- (1) Initial precinct planning was recently completed for the EPIC expansion and redevelopment project. This plan does not have final or suggested siting for tenant areas of EPIC.
- (2) Stakeholder consultation has been undertaken to facilitate the staged redevelopment of the EPIC precinct. Representatives from the Capital Region Farmers Markets were included in the various workshops conducted.
- (3) Any redevelopment of the EPIC precinct would involve phasing of construction, broader planning, and allow for the most effective use of the EPIC precinct. Should the decision be made to proceed with the redevelopment, tenants and other stakeholders will be consulted and a timeline will be developed and communicated.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA