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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 1 September 2022: Mr Mick Gentleman MLA took on notice the following question(s):

In relation to: Parkwood Ginninderry - update from CMTEDD on cross border negotiations.

MR CAIN: Thank you, Chair.

Minister, I make reference to the Auditor-General's report in June this year, governance arrangements for the planning of services for Parkwood Ginninderry. The report found that the ACT government has not prepared for the potential outcome of New South Wales rejecting its preferred approach of moving the territory border. So what is the plan, minister, for services to Parkwood if the border is not extended?

Mr Gentleman: Well it is a JV at the moment. So—sorry, it is a JV at the moment for that area, Ginninderry. I would imagine that that JV would need to approach the territory, should they need more assistance for that development.

Mr Ponton: If I could just add in terms of the specifics—

MR CAIN: It is a joint venture with the territory though, so what is the territory's—what is your understanding as planning minister for services to that section—

Mr Gentleman: Mr Ponton, was just going to answer you.

MR CAIN: Thank you.

Mr Ponton: I was just going to let you know that I think that question might be better directed to our colleagues in the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, because of in terms of cross-border issues there is a—the team within that directorate is responsible for those ongoing negotiations across the ACT, in terms of the services, and also New South Wales.

MR CAIN: So minister, but what—okay, given that though, what is your understanding of the status of the application to extend the border?

Mr Gentleman: I am unaware of the status of the application to extend the border. I am happy to ask the Chief Minister's directorate, and take that on notice, and come back to you, if you like?

MR CAIN: So you will take that on notice?

So, thank you.

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows: –

This matter falls within the responsibilities of the Chief Minister and his directorate. I have consulted with the Chief Minister and can advise:

The Chief Minister wrote to the NSW Premier in October 2021 seeking to recommence discussions on the ACT/NSW border move.

Officials from the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet advised on 30 August 2022 that the NSW Premier has agreed discussions on options to move the ACT/NSW border can commence.

CMTEDD is now working with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet on this issue.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA