



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 10 November 2022, Annual Report of Suburban Land Agency

In relation to: Cost breakdown of Molonglo Valley Playground

- (1) Can you provide a cost breakdown of how and why the new Molonglo Valley Playground cost \$7.1 million?
- (2) It's reported that a further \$235,118 has been awarded to a private company for maintenance services. How long will these maintenance services be provided for?
- (3) Given the \$7 .1 million price tag, why wasn't more parking provided to ensure people can get there in the first place?
- (4) Given the \$7 .1 million price tag, why weren't public toilets included in the park? Where do you expect small children to go to the bathroom at the destination playground?

**Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--**

- (1) Contracts for the Coombs Play Space are all available on the ACT Government Contracts Register. The cost for the Play Space was determined through an open tender process, with tenderers submitting prices based on the final design. The breakdown of is as follows:
  1. RAM Constructions - \$6,843,231.13; and
  2. RedBox Design - \$395,609.40
- (2) No contract has been awarded yet for the maintenance of the Play Space.
- (3) The original design included around 25 additional car spaces but following community consultation and advice from Roads ACT, seven additional car spaces were created. The play space is however, built adjacent to one of the main active travel routes in the Molonglo Valley. There is also parking in surrounding streets and elsewhere on Edgeworth Parade.

Visitation has slowed in the past week and the volumes of traffic and parking issues are expected to subside in the coming months.

- (4) Extensive community engagement was undertaken for the design of the Coombs Play Space back in 2019. The Suburban Land Agency (SLA) consulted with the Molonglo Community and a survey was put up on YourSay as well as community workshops.

The community feedback among those who attended workshops and responded to the YourSay survey was that toilets were one of the two least desirable elements for the Play Space. SLA responded to this by not including toilets in the final design. There may be an opportunity to put them in later subject to Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) approval.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA