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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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## **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 52**

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**Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

Ref: City Services, Budget Outlook, page number 206, output class 4.1 Development and Implementation

In relation to: “Better community infrastructure – Better Local shops” for Kippax Group Centre on page 206, Kippax Expansion two-stage sales process

The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the expansion of the Kippax group centre commenced in May 2021 and closed in July 2021 and would be a two-stage sales process starting with the EOI and followed with a Request for Tender (RFT)?

1. Where is this process up to?
  - a. Has the first stage of the sales process concluded?
  - b. When will the second stage commence?
2. How many submissions to the EOI were there?
  - a. How many of these were complaints?
3. Which organisations submitted expressions of interest?
  - a. How many of these were complaints?
4. When will the next stage of the two-stage sales process commence?
  - a. What will this next stage entail?
  - b. How long is this stage expected to take?
  - c. Why has it taken so long to reach the second stage?

**Minister Mick Gentleman MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1 a. The first stage of the two-stage sales process for Block 71, Section 51 Holt, through an EOI process concluded in October 2021.
  - b. The second stage of the sale of the site will commence through a Request for Tender (RFT) process in the second half of 2022, pending the completion of environmental site investigations.
2. Five submissions were received.
  - a. This information is commercial-in-confidence.
3. This information is commercial-in-confidence.
4. EPSDD anticipate handing the project to SLA in the first quarter of the next financial year, being the 2022/23 financial year. SLA will prepare RFT documents for release to market soon after the handover is complete.
  - a. SLA will release the RFT seeking proposals from interested proponents. A similar process was undertaken for the Gold Creek Homestead land release, as is currently underway for the Belconnen Lakeshore.
  - b. The RFT process can span approximately six months, from the date of release to preferred tenderer being identified.
  - c. The completion of the required environmental site investigations was delayed as a result of NSW and ACT lockdowns and travel restrictions due to Covid-19. Environmental investigations are complex and include statutory processes with timelines that are not fully known at the outset as the testing results determine the requirements through the iterative process.

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Signature:



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