



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

In relation to: CMTEDD and City Renewal Authority - Grants and Contributions

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The following question(s) were taken on notice:

MS CARRICK: Thank you. I would just like to ask some questions about the CRA. On page 146 of budget statement B, it has got the grants and contribution income. Is that the levy from the business owners?

Mr Barr: This is not the CRA hearing.

MS CARRICK: No, well, I do not want to ask the CRA, I want to ask the government, the oversight, who oversights CRA.

Mr Barr: Sure. I do not believe the CRA officials are here so I would need to take that on notice. So this is not the CRA hearing, so I have not come for CRA matters. This is—

MS CARRICK: All right. So I do not want the CRA. I would like, you know, the CRA entity. Who oversights it and when is that on?

Mr Barr: Well, I do not believe the estimates committee has actually scheduled a hearing with CRA and me as minister. There is a CRA hearing, but there is not currently scheduled a hearing with me as minister. So I will take the questions on notice because I can probably get the answers to you fairly quickly. So if you want to read them out, and I will just take them on notice and get that back to you?

MS CARRICK: Sure. So is the grants and contributions income line the levy for the—that comes from the business owners?

Mr Barr: Sure, I will get that information for you.

MS CARRICK: Okay. In 29-30 it is forecast to be 325,000 and the controlled recurrent payments is 19,243,000 which is one and a half per cent of the recurrent—you know, the appropriation. So often when we talk about the CRA and the money they spend, it is said it comes from the levies. But by the time we get to the end of the forward estimates, 325,000 comes from levies and 19.2 million comes from appropriation. So how is that a valid argument, that we keep talking about levies paying for things when 99 per cent of the money is appropriations?

Mr Barr: Sure. On the basis of those figures, I suspect we are not talking about the same thing there, but again, I will take that on notice for you.

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

The grant and contributions income line does not relate to the City Centre Marketing Improvements Levy (CCMIL) payable by relevant commercial rate payers. The CCMIL is appropriated to the City Renewal Authority through Controlled Recurrent Payments.

Details of the levy budget can be found on page 170 of the Budget Outlook 2026-27, Table 3.5.2. This shows revenue for the CCMIL:

- 26-27 Budget: 2.640 million
- 29-30 Estimate: 2.660 million

The \$325,000 Grants and Contributions Income forecast for 2029-30 does not represent revenue from the City Centre Marketing and Improvements Levy. As noted above, CCMIL revenue is appropriated to the City Renewal Authority through Controlled Recurrent Payments. Accordingly, a comparison between the Grants and Contributions Income line and Controlled Recurrent Payments does not provide an indication of the proportion of City Renewal Authority activities funded by the levy.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA