

ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS

Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP

SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Please provide information on how much has been paid to Capire Consulting to organise and run all six metropolitan assemblies and to undertake the coordination of the work of the metropolitan partnerships.

(Asked by Mr Morris, pages 6-7 of the Suburban Development portfolio transcript)

The annual expenses for engaging Capire to run the six metropolitan assemblies and report back on assembly feedback is as follows:

- 2017 (Year 1) - \$160,010 (delivery of six assemblies) (expended)
- 2018 (Year 2) - \$160,089 (delivery of six assemblies and the Youth Forum) (contracted)

Under the engagement, Capire is required to deliver documentation and analysis of data from the assemblies, and the delivery of a report on each Assembly.

Capire has also been engaged by the Office for Suburban Development to undertake facilitation services relating to partnership activities. These services total just under \$10,000.

The coordination of the Metropolitan Partnerships is undertaken directly by the Office for Suburban Development.

2. Please provide copies of the reports received on the consultation findings of both assembly and online engagement for each of the metropolitan partnerships.

(Asked by Mr Morris, page 7 of the Suburban Development portfolio transcript)

All of the assembly reports from last year's assemblies are publicly available. They can be found on the individual Partnership pages at:

<https://www.suburbandevlopment.vic.gov.au/partnerships/metropolitan-partnerships>

3. The northern metropolitan assembly is referenced as one of six such partnerships in budget paper 3, page 69. It held an assembly on Wednesday, 25 October, last year. A report from that assembly has since been published, which states that the prevention of harmful gambling was one of the top three priorities for the region, with a reduction from \$400 million in gambling losses to \$200 million in gambling losses listed as priority action. The question is: how does your portfolio take such a priority, or indeed any of the priorities, from each of the six partnerships and turn them into budget outcomes?

(Asked by Ms Shing on behalf of Patten, page 8 of the Suburban Development portfolio transcript)

Each year the six Metropolitan Partnerships provide independent advice to the Minister for Suburban Development on their respective priorities. This advice is framed around priority outcomes and initiatives that can improve the sustainability, prosperity and liveability of our suburbs.

The advice is developed through each Partnership's own deliberations and community engagement initiatives, such as the Metropolitan Partnership annual assemblies. While the feedback from the annual Assembly is an important input to Partnership deliberations on regional priorities, it is not the only input used by Partnerships to develop their advice. The Partnerships also work with regional and local groups, networks and organisations to develop and progress local responses to priorities.

On receipt of the Partnership advice, the Minister for Suburban Development works with other Ministers to determine an appropriate response. The Office for Suburban Development also coordinates across government departments to assist in progressing action on Partnership priorities. The relevant department or government agency considers and determines how best to respond to individual Partnership priority actions. As part of this response, the Partnership advice is considered by departments in the preparation of budget bids and in the development of new or existing policy and programs.

The Partnership priorities can be used by portfolios to inform decision making on infrastructure and services delivered by government and other stakeholders to meet community needs. The 2018-19 State Budget included a range of initiatives and funding opportunities that addressed specific Partnership priorities.

4. The northern trails strategy — budget paper 3, page 69, being the reference — proposes 96 regional trails in the north of Melbourne for recreational use, be it walking, riding or jogging. What is the time line for the delivery of these trails?

(Asked by Ms Shing on behalf of Patten, page 8 of the Suburban Development portfolio transcript)

The 2018-19 State Budget provides \$1.0 million in funding for the construction of a number of hiking and cycling trails identified in the Northern Regional Trails Strategy. This is a key priority for the Northern Metropolitan Partnership.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will work with the Northern Metropolitan Partnership and the Northern Trails Strategy Working Group to determine which trails will be delivered through this funding. Trails that receive funding will be completed by the end of the 2018-19 financial year.