

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
Committee Inquiry Question on Notice
Environment and Communications
Middle Arm Industrial Precinct

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Topic: IA - Breakdown of discrepancy between \$1.5 billion and \$3.5 billion figures

Sarah Hanson-Young asked:

CHAIR: In August last year, after this options analysis was done and you got to stage 2, the figure went from \$1.5 billion that had already been committed; there was talk that, to make this project eventuate, it might be more in the vicinity of \$3.5 billion. We've had a lot of people question this. I am trying to work out where that figure came from and at what point there is any link that this is extra money from the Commonwealth, this is what the NT government will have to pay, or this will have to be private investment. It's important that we work out where this extra money has come from and who is expected to pay it.

Mr Tucker: My colleagues may be able to answer this. We didn't look at the funding aspect. I would have to take on notice what was in that submission.

Answer:

Matters of funding should be directed to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts regarding the Australian Government commitment, and to the Northern Territory Government regarding their commitment.