

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Question: 72**

**Topic: Centenary of Canberra**

**Asked By: Senator JOYCE**

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The Government has indicated that they will provide a gift to the ACT Government to commemorate the Centenary of Canberra in 2013, at a cost of \$62 million over four years. Wasn't this money originally committed by the Howard Government?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government announced in its 2011-12 Budget, a Centenary gift with two elements at a total cost of \$62 million. The two elements are:

- a \$20 million contribution over four years to help the ACT Government develop the National Arboretum Canberra; and
- \$42 million over two years for a major upgrade of Constitution Avenue.

The contribution to the National Arboretum Canberra is a new initiative.

Funding for the redevelopment of Constitution Avenue, with a different scope and delivery mechanism, was allocated by the previous Government in the 2007-08 Budget. \$31.9 m of those funds were withdrawn in early 2008.