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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 395

MR PETER CAIN MLA: To ask the Chief Minister

1. What is the Braddon Busking Hub.
2. In establishing the Busking Hub, can the Chief Minister detail staff time and cost to date, and any funds spent on consultants up to and including 31 March 2025.
3. How are payments to buskers calculated.
4. How many City Renewal Authority staff are present and being paid when buskers are playing,
5. Are there any plans to establish busking hubs in any other parts of Canberra.

ANDREW BARR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Braddon Busking Hub is a pilot program developed to incentivise busking in Braddon. It provides performance and revenue opportunities for artists. Participating artists are invited to submit details of their practice and receive a list of suitable locations in Braddon where they can perform. They are also given a sign identifying them as part of the program and support to use Busk.co, an electronic payments platform.
2. The program is managed by the City Renewal Authority's place management services partner, Dionysus, as part of the annual Place Experience and Marketing Action Plan. To date, a total of \$9,817.59 (ex GST) has been expended on the program since 2023-24.
3. Artists are not paid by the program (no remuneration is provided by City Renewal Authority or Dionysus). The program provides an opportunity for artists to busk (performing in public for gratuities) at suggested locations in Braddon. Use of the electronic payment platform, Busk.co, is supported by Music ACT.
4. Other than a staged media opportunity that was conducted in March 2024, no City Renewal Authority staff are present when buskers perform.

5. There are no current plans for the City Renewal Authority to establish further busking hubs within its precinct. The Braddon Busking Hub is one of the activities delivered under the City Renewal Authority's Place Experience and Marketing Action Plan, which is co-funded by the City Centre Marketing and Improvements Levy. As such, these activities are only delivered within the levy area.

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Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

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