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Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2015 4:41 PM **To:** Gaczol, Andrew (REPS); External Relations

Cc: Palmer, Tamara (REPS); Sullivan, Kate (REPS); Mark Simpson; Brian Boyd; Joe Keshina

Subject: RE: HANSARD - 17 SEPTEMBER [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Andrew

Please find attached the ANAO edits to the Hansard from 17 September for the JCPAA Public Hearing into the ANAO reports numbers:

- 34 Administration of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, and
- 41 The Award of Funding under the Safer Streets Programme

At the JCPAA hearing into the ANAO audit of the Safer Streets Programme, the ANAO took on notice a question relating to how and when the commitments listed in Table 3.3 (p79) of the report were announced (relevant extracts of pages 16 to 18 of the Hansard are below):

Ms BRODTMANN: I want to go back to table 3.3, if you do not mind. Forgive me for coming in late and being in and out of the committee. Could we just run through each of these and how the commitment was made? How was the New England commitment announced? Was it through a media release or a media interview?

Mr Boyd: I do not think we have that level of detail with us. Invariably, more often than not, what you would find is that it would be a media release, but there might also be reporting in the local press or there might be something on the candidate's or the party's website. We have most of the things electronically. If you can bear with us for a few moments, we can probably get it up.

Ms BRODTMANN: You can just take it on notice. I would be interested to know how they were announced and when they were announced, given that we know that the date that the New England project was added was three months after the election, the date the Herbert project was added to the list was six months after the election, the date the for Flynn was eight months after the election and with Petrie it was nine months after the election. I am keen to find out when those announcements were made and how and the dates on those.

Mr Boyd: I can now answer your earlier question, if it helps. Those four were each the subject of separate media releases. The first one, in New England, was by Barnaby Joyce on 19 December 2013—a media release. The next one was Ewen Jones in August—

Mr CONROY: Are all these announcements post the election?

Mr Boyd: No, not all of them. The media release by Ewen Jones was on 27 August for the Herbert electorate.

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Mr Simpson: We are just following the order in the table.

Mr Boyd: Flynn was on 2 September 2013 by Ken O'Dowd in a media release, and for

Petrie it was on 2 September 2013, again by media release.

Mr CONROY: Sorry—which date was Petrie?

Mr Boyd: It was 2 September 2013.

Mr CONROY: Why are you arguing that it does not have evidence when it has been

publicly announced?

Mr Simpson: We will provide clarification on notice. We are on the fly at the moment, so we will put a consolidated list together for you in answering the question. We are

trying to be helpful, but in the circumstances we want to be accurate.

The following table provides the details of the commitments identified by the ANAO:

Row in Table 3.3 (p79 of the ANAO Audit Report	Electorate	How made	When made
4	Petrie (Redcliff PCYC)*	Not found	=
3	Flynn	Media Release	2/9/13
2	Herbert	Media Release	27/8/13
1	New England	Facebook extract	5/9/13

Attached are the relevant documents relating to the New England, Herbert and Flynn commitments.

* For the Petrie (Redcliffe PCYC) project, ANAO has confirmed the correctness of the statements in the report that ANAO was not able to identify a public commitment for that project. To clarify the ANAO evidence at the hearing, there had been a second project for the Petrie electorate being for the Moreton Bay Regional Council, which is not the project included on the fourth line of Table 3.3 (or referred to in the note to Table 3.2 or footnote 89).

Please contact us if you need further clarification on this topic.

Kind regards,

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MEDIA RELEASE

19 December 2013

Strong lobbying ensures \$500,000 CCTV pledge to remain for Tamworth

Federal Member for New England Barnaby Joyce today received confirmation from Federal Minister for Justice Michael Keenan that his \$500,000 election pledge to install additional CCTV cameras and lighting in the Tamworth CBD will be implemented.

Under the new funding arrangements, the initial \$300,000 funding commitment will no longer be sourced from the former Labor Government's National Crime Prevention Fund, as was stated in a letter sent to Tamworth Regional Council this week.

Instead, Mr Joyce has successfully lobbied for the entire \$500,000 election promise to be sourced from the Coalition's Safer Streets program, which confiscates money from criminal activity.

Mr Joyce said he remained committed to delivering on his election promises and was extremely pleased his representations to the Minister had resulted in a successful outcome for Tamworth.

"The tough economic climate we inherited from Labor makes sourcing money from the Federal Government difficult at this time," he said.

"But this funding was an election commitment, and my election commitments will be met."

"My role as a cabinet minister means I cannot spend every day in the electorate, but it enables me to get quick access to senior members of the Federal Government so I can deliver real outcomes for New England."

"This is an early Christmas present for the people of Tamworth. This funding commitment will make the streets of our city safer."

[ENDS]

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EWEN JONES MP

LNP Federal Member for Herbert

MEDIA RELEASE

August 27, 2013

Investing in crime prevention to make Townsville streets safer

A Coalition Government will fund new pedestrian lighting at Riverway and an upgrade to the city's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras to help make Townsville streets safer, Liberal National Member for Herbert Ewen Jones announced today.

The Shadow Minister for Justice, Customs and Border Protection Michael Keenan joined Mr Jones for the announcement at Condon, near Riverway.

The Coalition will invest \$1.3 million to install new lighting on the popular Riverway Drive Pathway to improve personal safety for the thousands of local residents who use the pathway to exercise each week.

A further investment of \$100,000 will be made to Townsville City Council to upgrade CCTV in crime hot-spots.

"The best way to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is to prevent it occurring in the first place," Mr Jones said.

"Townsville is a dynamic city, and we have people who enjoy the outdoors at all hours of the day. The pathway along Riverway Drive is a popular spot for walkers and joggers but there is no lighting as it extends upriver towards Condon, Rasmussen and Kelso. There is a growing risk to personal safety."

The \$100,000 investment to expand CCTV will include upgrading the network and replacing cameras at key crime hot-spots identified by Council and the local police.

The commitment is part of the Coalition's Safer Streets Communities Grants program, which if the Coalition is elected, will make our streets safer by providing \$50 million over four years to tackle local crime hotspots around Australia.

Mr Keenan said: "The best place to tackle crime is at the local level and our Safer Streets Plan seeks to involve residents, shop owners, police, state and local governments in identifying local projects to make our streets safer."

"Our Plan for Safer Streets will boost the efforts of local communities to address crime and anti-social behaviour by helping them to implement crime-fighting measures such as the installation of CCTV and better lighting."

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Blackwater Community to benefit from Coalition funding pledge

Posted on Monday, 2 September 2013

Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd has today announced that an incoming Coalition Government will make a valuable contribution to the Blackwater Community through the provision of funds to upgrade security lighting for the Blackwater Rotary Park.

Mr O'Dowd said "Blackwater Rotary Park has recently been refurbished through the amazing efforts of the local community, council and industry.

"However with any public feature, community safety and vandalism are always a concern which is why I am pleased to announce that the Coalition will contribute a capped sum of \$20,000 toward security lighting if successful at Saturday's Federal Election.

"Blackwater is a community defined in many ways by the resources sector and one that has made a tremendous contribution to the local and national economy.

*For that reason I am absolutely committed to seeing this community get a better deal, under a better dovernment.

Through scrapping the Carbon Tax, Mining Tax and returning greater investment to regional areas I believe we can see confidence restored to the region and more positive outcomes well into the future.

I would like to thank Blackwater Rotary and representatives from Pandas for bringing this issue to my attention and I trust this commitment will benefit the community for many years to come.

ENDS.

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Barnaby Joyce Member for New England

6 September 2013 ·

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This is the kind of passion all of us Nats have for our electorates. It's well worth your time. You bet we're Angry too.



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Gary 'Angry' Anderson is The Nationals candidate for the seat of Throsby at the 2013 Australian Federal Election

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