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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2018

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder:

In relation to:

MS LAWDER: Thank you. I actually want to go back to playgrounds. In the annual report it says you had 505. I think last year it was 507 so presumably some may have been removed and others added. Can you tell me about which ones have been removed and added?

Mr Alegria: Just bear with me. I am just trying to think if there have—I am not aware that any have been removed. Sometimes there is a little bit of movement in numbers depending on when they get handed over from developers and so forth but I cannot explain that difference of two off the top of my head unfortunately. I am happy to come back to you.

MS LAWDER: You will take that on notice?

Mr Alegria: Yes.

MS LAWDER: Thank you. Well, could you perhaps provide a list of all playgrounds by suburb including those you are expecting to come online and be handed over in the next few months?

Mr Alegria: We could do that. I mean, we could provide a map or we could provide a list. The description obviously would be, the playground would be described by the adjacent street.

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MS LAWDER: Do all playgrounds have bubblers?

Mr Alegria: No.

MS LAWDER: Are you able to tell me how many playgrounds have bubblers?

Mr Alegria: Unfortunately no I cannot. I guess I could comment building on the minister's comments about the play space form that one of the key messages that came out from the community was that they wanted us to consider the play space as a part of the broader community and the amenity of the play spaces impacted by things like can you get to the playground. Is there a path? Is there enough seating? Is there potentially a bubbler?

So we have heard that message from the community that we should be looking holistically at the space rather than just at the equipment. So that is something that we are aware of but I am happy to come to you about the bubbler.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The apparent reduction in the number of playgrounds managed by TCCS does not reflect the removal of any playgrounds. It is due to an error on page 35 of the 2016-17 Annual Report which incorrectly included six playgrounds maintained by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service and the playground at the Arboretum. The correct figure of 500 playgrounds was reported in table 19 on page 286 of the 2016-17 Annual Report.

A list of current playgrounds is available from the ACTmapi Geospatial Data Catalogue at <http://actmapi.act.gov.au/catalogue.html>. This list includes all ACT Government maintained playgrounds, not just those maintained by TCCS. It does not list new playgrounds until they have been handed over, accepted by the receiving agency and entered into the asset management system. No new playgrounds are expected to be handed over to TCCS in the next few months.

Bubblers are located at high use locations including those located on trunk active travel routes and district parks where they benefit the greatest number of users. There are 44 bubblers located within 50 metres of a playground in the urban area of Canberra.

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By the Minister for City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA