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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
MS TARA CHEYNE MLA (CHAIR), CANDICE BURCH MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JAMES MILLIGAN MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2019

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA:

In relation to: How long has a one-year funding arrangement with RSPCA been in place?

Ms Oldfield: So we have initiated that current service funding agreement in October of this year and it will go through the rest of the financial year. So it is regular for us to have one every year with the RSPCA, as the minister noted, to work through and stay current with the RSPCA on where we see obligations best sit between the two entities.

As you are probably aware, the RSPCA is specifically listed as an animal welfare entity under the Animal Welfare Act, so that is why our relationship with them is unique.

MS LAWDER: So is it usually a one year funding arrangement?

Ms Oldfield: That is how we have been doing it in the past, yes.

MS LAWDER: For how long has that been the case?

Mr Corrigan: We will get specifics to you as a question on notice, but for some years, we have had a good relationship—working relationship with RSPCA for a long time. Yes. That is where the government—

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

The one-year funding arrangement with the RSPCA-ACT has been in place since the 2015-16 financial year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

Signature:

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Date:

27/11/19

By the Minister for City Services, Chris Steel MLA