



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QTON No. 21

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
MARISA PATERSON MLA (CHAIR), ANDREW BRADDOCK MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), LEANNE CASTLEY MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
4 March 2021

Asked by MS LAWDER:

In relation to: GPTs

MS LAWDER: So you mentioned the extraction of pollutants in the GPTs?

Mr Walker: Yes.

MS LAWDER: How much was being extracted in the GPTs prior to these projects?

Mr Walker: I would have to take that question on notice. I do not have those figures available. Recognising that these are new pieces of infrastructure, so they would be basically new gross pollutant traps as part of the project, so it would be predominantly new. There are some, however, some overlaps of the existing infrastructure as well.

MINISTER RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

EPSDD does not have data on existing GPTs, and the amount of silt and larger debris (e.g. bottles, trolleys) recovered from them. The cleaning and maintenance of the GPTs is done by TCCS and within Minister Steel's City Services portfolio.

For Healthy Waterways assets constructed alongside stormwater channels in Tuggeranong, a new GPT was constructed in the inlet closest to the asset. This is the case for the rain gardens at Fadden Pines Reserve, Gowrie playing fields, Athllon Drive between Langdon Avenue and Fincham Crescent, and for the pond between Kett Street and Drakeford Drive.

The GPT at the junction of Village Creek and Lake Tuggeranong will be significantly upgraded.

The rain garden upstream of Stanger Pond took advantage of an existing GPT at its inlet. The waterway restoration between Corlette Crescent and Charleston Street is in-channel so there was no GPT, although one exists not far upstream.

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