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QTON No. 2

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Chair), Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE (QTON)
Public Hearing - Inquiry into Skateboarding and Skate Parks in the ACT
Thursday, 9 November 2023

Asked by MS LAWDER on 9 November 2023: Minister BERRY (Minister for Sport and Recreation) took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Length of time to address safety concerns around hole in Belconnen skatepark.

MS LAWDER: I am wondering how frequent is frequent. It is an interesting question. We have talked about the link between Fix My Street already. Also, there is the safety concern. We had another example today about a hole and little rocks. Of course, you would all understand that tiny stones can easily lock up the wheels of a skateboard. We had heard that it had been reported a few times through Fix My Street. Someone eventually broke their arm when they went over one of those rocks. Why would it have taken some time for such an obvious safety concern to be addressed?

Ms Berry: It might be helpful if you could say where this one was.

THE CHAIR: Belconnen Skate Park, I think.

Mr Marshall: I do not have specific details, so—

MS LAWDER: Perhaps you could take that on notice too: how long did it take between the first Fix My Street request and when it was addressed? And how many Fix My Street requests were there? Just to follow on from that: is that the only way or the best way for users to get these safety issues addressed?

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

During 2023, there were six Fix My Street requests related to debris at the Belconnen Skatepark. Five of these requests were lodged by the same person.

Fix my Street requests are prioritised with urgent requests responded to within a week and non-urgent requests responded to as soon as practicable.

The City Presentation team responsible has a regular cleaning regime at the Belconnen Skatepark, including the toilets. TCCS is willing to collaborate with the Belconnen Skateboard community on the processes for the cleaning and maintenance of the Skatepark.

Fix My Street is the recommended channel for raising skatepark maintenance requests. However, for urgent matters, Access Canberra contact centre should be contacted on 13 22 81.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Ms Yvette Berry MLA