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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: Compulsory Training

MS LAWDER: Yes. So all staff would have completed that?

Ms Oldfield: Or will be in the process of going through that training, yes.

MS LAWDER: Right. So is there a period from the commencement of their employment that they have to have completed this compulsory training? In three months, six months, 12 months?

Ms Oldfield: That is something that I would need to refresh on some of the specifics, but all employees will be required to have that training, yes.

MS LAWDER: Thank you, if you could. And then whether there is any staff outstanding who have not yet completed that training would be handy. And do you provide any training to the police in regard to animal behaviour, animal welfare?

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

Earlier this year, TCCS undertook a review of the required skills and capabilities of a DAS Ranger. This resulted in the development of a skills matrix which has subsequently informed the creation of the 'DAS Development Roadmap' a two-year training and development program for operational rangers.

The program includes both technical and operational skill development as well as the attainment of nationally recognised qualification(s).

All operational rangers are currently in the process of progressing through the training. Completion of each component is an iterative and ongoing process.

DAS does not currently provide training to the police in regards to animal behaviour or animal welfare. However, DAS is currently partnering with the AFP and ESA to undertake scenario-based training for the purpose of assessing new rangers in the performance of their duties.

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By the Minister for City Services, Chris Steel MLA