



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA:

Ref: Output 2.3 Waste and Recycling

In relation to:

1. What contractual arrangements are in place to deliver the FOGO trial?
2. What process was followed to negotiate the Deed of Variation with JJ Richards?
3. Were any procurement exemptions sought or granted?
4. Were other service providers contacted about providing this service, if not, why not?
5. If other service providers were contacted about providing this service, what opportunity were they given to tender?
6. Will there be an increase in payments to JJ Richards as a result of the increased number of kerbside collections they will conduct throughout the FOGO trial?
7. Will there be a reduction in payments to Suez as a result of the reduced number of kerbside collections they will conduct throughout the FOGO trial?

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

1. A deed of variation to the contract for *Collection and Processing of Garden Organics Green Waste* has been executed with JJ Richards and Sons Pty Ltd. Households will be able to dispose of food organics into green bins along with their garden organics. Households in the FOGO pilot area will have a changed bin collection configuration. Green bins will change from being collected fortnightly to weekly, and red bins will change from being collected weekly to fortnightly. A procurement process is in progress for the supply of the kerbside FOGO collection bin, the kitchen caddy and compostable liners. Details will be notified on the public register when completed.
2. The appropriate Delegate Approval was granted to undertake contract negotiations with JJ Richards and Sons.
3. No exemptions were required as it was negotiated under the existing contract terms.
4. No. The FOGO pilot is being undertaken as a small-scale exercise involving approximately 5,000 households, in order to test and trial potential methodologies for a future citywide FOGO service and understand levels of community acceptance and engagement. Given the small scale nature of the pilot, a deed of variation to the green bins contract was considered the most appropriate mechanism to deliver this given it was within the scope of the current contract with JJ Richards and Sons, which includes organic waste collection, processing, marketing and community education.
5. Refer response 4. above.
6. Yes.

7. Consultation with SUEZ is ongoing in relation to service collection changes in the FOGO pilot area. As the provider of the ACT's citywide household red bin collections services, it is sometimes necessary to vary the collection arrangements – for example to accommodate growth of the city. This is provided for in the existing services contract.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA