



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022**

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Ms Lawder on 8 November 2022: Mr Daniel Iglesias took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**MS LAWDER:** And another one that people often mention to me is people illegally accessing, for example, the lakefront. Driving their vehicles cross-country creates quite a problem and then parking near the lakefront for fishing, perhaps, but other reasons. How many times would the directorate staff respond to those? And it is often weekends, I guess, usually weekends. How many of those complaints, of vehicles accessing the lakefront, would you have responded to on a weekend?

**Mr Iglesias:** Again, I would have to take that level of detail on notice. I think it is fair to say that the majority of our rangers capacity is during the week and there is still the capacity to following up incidences that occur after hours and quite effectively so where we have good intelligence or we have good reports from members of the public, and sometimes we have that and there are instances where we have done exactly that.

But to respond incident-by-incident on a weekend, I would suggest that would be a difficult stretch for us to achieve, however, I can your specific question around how many times on a weekend on notice.

**CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--**

Transport Canberra and City Services authorised officers respond each time a complaint or issue is received whether it is raised during the week or on the weekend. However, due to the intermittent and covert nature of some offences, it is almost impossible to always respond in time to engage the public in the act of the alleged offence.

To help prevent people unlawfully accessing public unleased land, such as people driving their vehicles across parkland to access a lakefront for fishing, TCCS officers undertake municipal pro-active camera operations, using the registration details of the vehicle to identify the offender. In the past two years, 41 municipal camera operations have been undertaken in an attempt to collect evidence where inappropriate activity has been reported or known to have occurred in the past. Where sufficient evidence was collected, appropriate regulatory action was undertaken such as issuing a warning letter or infringement notice.

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

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Date:

16/11/22

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