



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: CED

Hearing: 12 November 2025

In relation to: Murrumbidgee Weeding

Question received: 20 November 2025

Answer Due: 27 November 2025

I understand around this time last year there was a one-day weeding blitz along the Murrumbidgee River corridor, undertaken by dozens of rangers and volunteers.

- (1) Is this going to be done this year?
- (2) Will it be done on an ongoing annual basis?
- (3) How much is paid to contractors to do this kind of weeding work each year?

Tara Cheyne: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

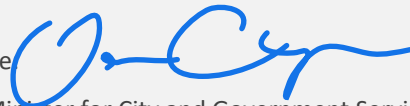
- (1) There is no plan to repeat the one-day weeding blitz this year. This was a one-off activity aimed at reducing woody weeds at high conservation value sites. The ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) supports volunteers to undertake weeding work, revegetation, and associated activities along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor each year as well as conducting this work in-house.
- (2) Invasive environmental weed control across the Murrumbidgee River Corridor is an important, ongoing annual land management program. Implementation of the program is subject to a range of factors including the growth stage of priority species, rainfall, temperature, available resources, and river height. Each year, more than 3,500 hours of effort are invested in the program by a combination of Parks and Conservation staff, contractors, and volunteers.

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- (3) PCS has allocated \$129,000 in contract funding for invasive environmental weed treatment along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor in 2025-26. Additional funding is provided to treat weeds on adjoining land managed for conservation, roadsides, and recreation areas.

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Signature



Date:

15/12/25

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA