



# Inquiry into the provision of municipal services in Canberra

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: City Services and Benchmarking against other jurisdictions for footpath maintenance

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### **Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services - took on notice the following question:**

MR BRADDOCK: Just one question in terms of the benchmarking of the path condition that we have here in Canberra versus other jurisdictions. Is there any way we measure that and could compare our performance?

Mr Rampton: I will have to take that one on notice.

MR BRADDOCK: Thank you.

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

Benchmarking footpath condition between jurisdictions requires a common methodology. For example, the length of a segment to be assigned a condition score would need to be consistent between jurisdictions. The results would be different when reflecting average condition for a 50m segment compared to the average condition for five separate 10m segment lengths.

The Australian Local Government Association's 'National State of the Assets Report 2024', which is prepared by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) shows the average condition status of footpaths and cycleways at the National level. The condition grading system used for this report is based on the National Standard for Condition Grading Scores. This condition grading system is generic and can be used to assess overall condition results between different assets. Following completion of the pilot path condition audit results can be compared to the national average.

Path inspections in the ACT use the *IPWEA Condition Assessment and Asset Performance Guidelines: Practice Note 1 – Footpath and Cycleway* as the basis for condition assessment. This condition grading protocol is specific for footpaths and cycleways.

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