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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
MS TARA CHEYNE MLA (CHAIR), CANDICE BURCH MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JAMES MILLIGAN MLA

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: What was the target for Green Bins uptake in comparison to the current percentage detailed in the Annual Report.

MS LAWDER: So has that 11,766 tonnes increased the amount of green waste going to the tip or—

Mr Haraldson: Yes.

MS LAWDER: —how does it compare?

Mr Haraldson: Yes, sorry, it does increase slightly, so a lot of waste would have already—if they could sell it all would go to Mugga Lane or Canberra Sand and Gravel, but a lot of that material which would have stayed in people's yards potentially put on gardens or just mown and, you know, put elsewhere, is now going to the facility. So there would be a slight increase. It would be hard to fine—

MS LAWDER: Do we know what the previous years was?

Mr Haraldson: We have got—each year it goes up and down like quite a bit, so it is around quarter of a million to 250,000 tonnes of green waste is processed each year. So that can vary considerably, and 11,000 tonnes, you would not see the difference in that amount, yes.

MS LAWDER: Okay. So will you be able to provide for the committee, perhaps over five or 10 years or whatever you have got, what the amount of green waste going there would be so we get a feel for the trend?

Mr Haraldson: Definitely there we can. So that is from a voluntary survey that our recyclers do. So Caulfield Brothers basically, like Canberra Sand and Gravel would have filled that out each year for the last numerous years, so, yes.

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

- 1) What was the target for green bin uptake?

There was no target for the green bin uptake.

2) Quantity of Green waste recovered?

The amount of green waste recovered is reported by the industry through a voluntary recycling survey. The below table shows the tonnes of green was recovered in the ACT;

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
227,259 t	281,041 t	279,756 t	312,881 t	350,652 t

These figures include green waste recovered from the ACT green waste collection, self-haul green waste by residents and commercial organisations.

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By the Minister for Recycling and Waste Reduction, Chris Steel MLA