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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder:

In relation to: Streetlights

1. I note that the government owns over 80,000 public streetlights throughout the ACT. Is there any particular method or accountability measure to ensure that streetlights are routinely operational?
2. Besides members of the public reporting broken streetlights, how do TCCS become aware of areas/roads where streetlights aren't working?
3. Would TCCS consider looking into options that record how often streetlights aren't operational to reduce the amount of Canberrans that have to report individual areas themselves?

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

1. Every streetlight in the ACT is inspected on a quarterly basis to ensure it is operational. The inspection program, which is carried out at night, is referred to as 'night patrol'. If a streetlight is found to be out, it is recorded in the asset maintenance system and scheduled for repair within five business days.
2. In addition to night patrol inspections, the ACT Government is funding the installation of a 'Smart City' network. The installation of the Smart City network is currently in progress, and when fully operational there will be the capability to self-report streetlight outages i.e. outages will be automatically reported to the asset maintenance system and cued for repair.
3. The ACT Government records information in relation to streetlight outages including, the underlying fault, underground cable faults, single luminaire faults, overhead network faults, age of assets etc. This information is used to ascertain where improvements can be made to the streetlight network maintenance plans to reduce the number of future faults.

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