STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Transport and City Services, Annual Report

In relation to: Potholes

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1. Is the ACT Government exploring the possibility of installing sensors on garbage trucks to identify, measure and report potholes in Canberra?

2. If so, please provide an update on where this work is up to.

3. What is the ACT Government's strategy for dealing with potholes?

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

1. Last year the ACT Government announced a pilot in partnership with a technology start-up using artificial intelligence technology to detect potholes via cameras attached to the front of non-waste vehicles. This may inform the future application of AI technology.

2. N/A.

3. The ACT Government follows a strategic approach to maintaining road pavement condition. This approach involves the regular collection of pavement condition data, modelling of pavement degradation, a proactive pavement resurfacing program, and reactive maintenance as required. The annual resurfacing program is one of Roads ACT's major investments in the prevention of potholes and other pavement defects, covering an area of over 1.2million m2.

Reactive maintenance crews endeavour to make safe potholes within ten working days. Works are then packaged into larger contracts to deliver more longer lasting repairs such as heavy patching, in addition to our preventative pavement maintenance programs.

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