



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 8 November 2022, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

In relation to: Domestic Animal Services

Just recently, the City News published the story of Ace Gabrielli who was returned to their owner malnourished and traumatised following their nearly three months at DAS.

Why was Ace Gabrielli returned to its owner dirty, malnourished, and a "shadow of his former self"?

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Animal welfare is a key priority of Domestic Animal Services (DAS) and due diligence is taken to ensure all animals under the duty of care of DAS receive appropriate veterinary care, grooming and nutrition.

I do not provide comment on individual investigations undertaken by DAS, but have written to Ms Lawder in confidence on this matter.

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Signature:

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