



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Reference: Hearing on 20 November 2023, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services 2022-2023, page 57, Output 2.4

In relation to: Tree Removal

1. How many trees were removed during the reporting period?
  - a. How many were removed by TCCS?
  - b. How many were removed by private contractors?
2. A tree that was agreed to be removed by TCCS (via letter from Minister) on Parkes Way has not been removed. Why?

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

1. 932 trees were removed.
  - a. In 2022-23, 807 trees were removed by City Services on unleased land. Some small tree removals are not recorded, as they are coordinated with replacement plantings.
  - b. In 2022-23, there were 125 trees removed by contractors.
2. All programmed works are allocated a priority with a corresponding estimation of scheduled timing. However, additional unexpected works of a higher priority, such as storm events, can extend the period of time in which previously programmed works are undertaken. The tree on Parkes Way has been assessed as structurally sound and presenting a relatively lower safety risk to the community or infrastructure. The complexity of undertaking the tree removal at this location requires the coordination of multiple teams with competing time frames. The tree remains on program and is expected to be removed in early 2024.

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Signature:

Date: 30/11/23

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

