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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City Services

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In relation to: TCCS and Roads

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Answer Due date: 05/08/2024

- 1) Why was the estimated outcome for Annual percentage of municipal roads resurfaced 3% when the target was 4%?
- 2) Why was the increase in length (km) of community paths including cycle lanes target so much less than the target? (22 vs 60)

Minister Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) The actual annual percentage of municipal roads resurfaced was 3.19% for the 2023-24 financial year.

Prolonged wet weather in the previous years exacerbated the deterioration of the ACT road network. As a result of this, the ACT Government allocated additional funding to Roads ACT commencing in the 2023-24 financial year (≈\$13M/year) to deliver additional resurfacing works. This increased funding also required delivery of 2.5 times more asphalt works in the Territory as well as an increase in the total area resurfaced to 1.26 million m².

To meet the above overall requirements, it was not possible to deliver the full program for municipal roads. Instead, Roads ACT placed additional emphasis on resurfacing territorial roads (e.g. arterial roads) where the risk to motorists is higher with deteriorating road conditions. As a result of this decision, 9.7% of territorial roads were resurfaced against a target of 7%.

- 2) The actual increase in length (km) of community paths including cycle lanes was 36.2 km for the 2023-24 reporting period.

This measure is calculated from the creation of new paths by TCCS as well and an estimate of gifting of path assets created by land developers, based on historical numbers. During the 2023-2024 reporting period however, less than anticipated path assets were gifted to

TCCS by land developers. Additionally, there were less roads built in 2023-24 that required cycle lanes.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for City Services, Tara Cheyne MLA