



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Illegal dumping at Charnwood shops

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Answer Due: 31 July 2026

Mr Bruce Fitzgerald took on notice the following question(s):

MR CAIN: Okay, thank you. And look, I will go now to the particular instance of illegal dumping at the back of Charnwood shops. And I note Mr Fitzgerald took radio not long after myself last Tuesday. You have mentioned in your interview that, on 2 July, crew went out there and they did not locate any syringes or drug paraphernalia; that is your wording. Look, I have an email from 1 July—sorry, did I say June? 2 July the crew went out there. But I have an email from a resident who spoke to some sort of work crew on 1 July who said—whoever that work crew was, and I would be interested to know if you have knowledge of who was there on 1 July—that they had identified syringes in bushes and had stopped collecting because that was a syringe. And obviously it was something that they told the resident that they had to pause their collecting because of that. Can you confirm whether there was any crew or ACT-related staff, contractors, there on 1 July?

Mr Fitzgerald: We have been unable to verify that there was a crew out there. That is certainly not to suggest that there was not. We have crews running around—

MR CAIN: Is that something you could take on notice about that particular date? Again, because I am relying on a resident who said—and the email was actually dated 1 July so, you know, I am not going to doubt someone who sends me that type of message. So I would be keen to know what they were actually referring to.

Ms Cheyne: Is it possible, Mr Cain, for you to share that email with us, deidentified? Just if it might assist in triggering someone's memory of the day or the situation.

MR CAIN: De-identified, I am happy to do that. I might just provide that in a PDF form. But if you could make your own inquiry and report back to the committee, that would be appreciated anyway.

Mr Fitzgerald: Yes.

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

It has been confirmed that Place Management staff were on site on 1 and 2 July 2026. No sharps were found during the works undertaken on this occasion.

Place Management staff are trained in the safe collection and disposal of sharps and will immediately undertake collection and removal whenever a sharp is identified on site.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature: 

Date: 31/7/26

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA