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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on 17 June 2014: Chief Minister took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

The Canberra Times article of 30 May 2014 – titled: *Heritage spending almost doubles due to National Arboretum, storm damage*

THE CHAIR: All right, and there was an article in *The Canberra Times* on 3 June headed, "Territory heritage spending near doubles while art languishes," and a spokeswoman for Territory and Municipal Services confirmed the majority of the increased heritage spending had been in environmental heritage, and said it was mostly due to the National Arboretum and storm repairs.

Now, the numbers they were quoting were a 76 per cent increase from \$65 million to \$116 million. I am assuming that has not all been spent at the arboretum. What—

Ms Steward: No.

THE CHAIR: How much was spent at the arboretum, and how much was spent on the storm repairs?

Ms Gallagher: We might need to take that on notice, I think.

CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

'Environmental heritage' is an Australian Bureau of Statistics classification which includes expenditure on the operation, management and preservation of sites, areas and collections such as national parks and reserves.

In this context, in 2012-13 the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate spent \$35.5m on the development of the National Arboretum Canberra, noting that these costs were predominately related to capital works.

In relation to storm damage \$ 5.7m was spent on repairs to damaged assets around Canberra.

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K. Gallagher

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By the Chief Minister Ms Katy Gallagher MLA