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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
13 November 2018

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA:

In relation to: Contract for road and trail mechanical vegetation services at Tidbinbilla

MS LEE: Yes. No worries. And just finally, the final line item, road and trail mechanical vegetation services, just some detail on that contract—what that work involved.


Mr Ponton: Unless Mr Walker has the answer handy I think we will take that on notice also.

MS LEE: Yes, okay, no worries.

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The works involved the removal of vegetation, mostly the shrub layer, along the verge of key management trails within the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. This is part of the larger fire related roadside vegetation management programme undertaken by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. Works are undertaken to improve line of sight for safe vehicle access and to ensure that management trails provide an effective fire break. The removal of vegetation along trails decreases the fire fuel, therefore reducing the intensity of a fire in these cleared areas, and provides a safer workspace for fire fighting operations.
2. The contractor was selected from a Panel Contract of pre-qualified contractors.

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By the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA