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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Minister for Roads & Active Travel

Ref: TCCS – City Services p252 – Roads and Infrastructure

In relation to: Shared path expenditure

1. Please provide a list of cycling and walking route upgrades to be delivered under Parliamentary Agreement Item 3.7, their expected cost, current status and expected completion date.
2. What is the timeframe for expanding the Active Travel Office (action 3.6 of the climate change strategy)?
3. This year's annual report shows that in 2017-18 TCCS spent \$942,000 on upgrading footpaths and cycleways. In 2018-19 this dropped to \$564,000.
4. Could you please explain the reason for this reduction in expenditure?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Item 3.7 of the Parliamentary Agreement of the 9th Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory commits to *"Raise the profile of the Active Travel Office, and through the Office coordinate the rollout of \$30 million in additional priority footpath maintenance, cycling and walking route upgrades, and age-friendly suburbs improvements in our shopping centres and existing suburbs"*. Specific cycling and walking routes upgrades to be delivered as part of the Parliamentary Agreement Item 3.7 were not identified at the time of this commitment. The total financial commitment in relation to active travel under Parliamentary Agreement items 3.7 is \$38.8m for the period 2017-18 to 2021-22. Of that amount, \$5.9m has been spent to 30 June 2019. A list of projects relating to cycling and walking route upgrades outlining cost and estimated completion dates is on the following page:

Initiative	Budget (\$000's)	Status	Estimated Completion
Capital works			
Active streets for schools	2,500	Ongoing	N/A
Walking - Community Paths	2,000	In design	Late-2020
Cycling - Cycle network improvements	2,000	In design	Late-2020
Heysen St link between Lyons and Weston Creek	1,200	In design	Late-2020
Belconnen Town Centre active travel	10,700	Under construction	2020/21
Tuggeranong Town Centre active travel	4,000	In design	2020/21
Woden Town Centre active travel	4,750	In design	2021
Bike racks	20	Completed	N/A
Flemington Rd path (EPIC to Well Station Dr)	2,194	Under-construction	Jun-2021
Better Infrastructure Fund			
Safer walking and cycling around schools	2,300	Ongoing	N/A
Footpaths and Cycleway upgrades - Community Paths	1,800	Ongoing	N/A
Footpaths and Cycleway upgrades - Age-friendly suburbs	2,200	Ongoing	N/A

2. Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) is working with the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) to develop actions under the Climate Change Strategy.
3. Refer to response below.
4. The fluctuation in funds spent between 2017-18 and 2018-19 is due to the way these projects have been packaged for delivery over multiple years.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

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By the Minister for Roads and Active Travel, Mr Chris Steel MLA