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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 3 March 2022

Asked by NICOLE LAWDER MLA on 3 MARCH 2022: MS FULTON took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Vandalism of public artworks – ‘the big little man’

MS LAWDER: Sure. I have a longer question, but I guess I will go straight to a very active part of it. It is about vandalism and graffiti of public artworks. I will put some of the detail on notice, but just to make it clear, I noticed this week that the big little man not far from here has been vandalised or graffitied. When was Arts ACT first made aware of this and when will it be rectified?

Ms Cheyne: Thank you, Ms Lawder. It is an incredibly unfortunate experience in the city when artwork is vandalised. Quite recently the artwork in front of the Assembly appeared to have had something dropped on its foot, which ended up smashed. We had to spend a considerable amount of time rectifying that piece. That occurred at the start of this year. In terms of the detail of your question, I will see if officials have the answer for you at this moment.

Ms Fulton: I actually do not, Ms Lawder. I might have to take this one on notice. I am sorry, I do not have much more detail at this point in time.

MS LAWDER: No worries. I have a few questions about it, which I will put on notice.

TARA CHEYNE MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

The vandalism of The Big Little Man public artwork had not been reported to artsACT.

The artwork was inspected on the afternoon of Thursday 3 March 2022 after artsACT became aware of the issue. A cleaner was notified at that time and the artwork was cleaned at 9am the following morning, Friday 4 March.

Vandalism to public art can be reported to artsACT directly on telephone (02) 6207 2384, by logging an issue on Fix my Street or by contacting Access Canberra 13 22 81.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for the Arts, Tara Cheyne MLA