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

Asked by Caroline Le Couteur MLA:

In relation to: Active travel location in North Wright

THE CHAIR: Okay. In the same page, I think, you say that the SLA included extensive pedestrian cycle path networks in new development to encourage the community to walk or cycle rather than drive, which is great. An active travel street was designed in North Wright to support this. What is an “active travel street”?

Mr Dietz: And I might actually pass to Tom, but the understanding is essentially it is a street which shares access for both vehicles and people, and in its best form is actually putting people first on that street.

THE CHAIR: Can you give me a bit more on that? How am I going to feel safe? is this in any way different from sort of the—what we have had for a long time, very short cul-de-sacs where effectively you have only got half a dozen houses at the end of it. Is that what you are talking about?

Mr Gordon: It can be—I think, and correct if I am wrong, I think it is Akuna or Bunda that has the—the landscape actually sets out the environment in which cars will move through that space so that it is seen as more of a pedestrian space and cars are not the dominant feature or not to be the dominant feature.

That design has to be well thought through. So you will have normal sort of street furniture, trees and light poles and things, that tend to restrict the movement of traffic through that area, and then encourage the public to consider well, this is a lot safer space than an environment which would allow normal 50 kph or 40 kph cars to move up and down.

THE CHAIR: Could you identify actually where it is rather than just North Wright?

Mr Gordon: I would have to—

THE CHAIR: Take that on notice, sure, but I would be interested to have a look at it.

Mr Gordon: Yes.

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

Porter Street in North Wright has been designed as an active travel street. The design took guidance from the new TCCS Design Standards on Active Travel and consultation with the relevant TCCS officers. The entry

treatment and pavement markings are intended to encourage low speed driving making it safer for active travel users. Porter Street is a connected street not a cul-de-sac.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA