



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City Services

Reference: TCCS, Budget Statements H, p. 20, Output 2.4 (City Maintenance and Services)

Hearing Date: 24/07/2024

In relation to: Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate and Newbery Crescent Neighbourhood Playground, Page and Management of the territory's parks and urban open space system

QON lodgement Date: 26/07/2024

Answer Due date: 05/08/2024

- 1) On what date in 2024 was the single piece of play equipment (a spring toy) removed from the Newbery Crescent Neighbourhood Playground in Page?
- 2) For what reason/s was this spring toy removed?
- 3) By what date will this piece of play equipment be replaced, and if it will not be replaced, why not?
- 4) What specific play equipment will replace the spring toy that was removed from this playground?
- 5) What was the cost to remove this piece of play equipment?
- 6) What is the projected cost to (a) purchase and (b) install the replacement play equipment?
- 7) Apart from replacing the removed play equipment, does this budget provide funding for any other upgrades to this playground, and if so, what are they and when will they be completed?
- 8) Does the ACT Government still classify this open space as a playground despite the removal of its only piece of play equipment?

**Minister Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:**

- 1) On 3 May 2024.
- 2) The item was removed in the interests of public safety and also noting easy access to nearby alternative play equipment. The single spring rocker was in poor condition, of low play value, at end of life and becoming unsafe. The soft-fall material beneath the spring rocker was unsafe and would otherwise require removal and replacement including construction of a border to contain the soft-fall in place around the spring rocker.
- 3) There are no immediate or short-term plans to reinstate the piece of playground equipment that was removed.

- 4) See response above. A recently upgraded playground at Page Oval with higher play value, multiple spring rockers, shade sail, adjacent to car parking spaces and a large oval, is located within convenient walking distance (~400m) of the Newbery Crescent site.
- 5) The cost to remove the equipment was approximately \$1,300 including removal and restoration of the site.
- 6) The cost to purchase and install similar replacement play equipment is \$18,200 (plus GST, plus delivery), including installation of equipment, soft-fall, border and fencing.
- 7) There is no budget allocated to upgrade this site. A recently upgraded playground at Page Oval with higher play value, multiple spring rockers, shade sail, adjacent to car parking spaces and a large oval, is located within convenient walking distance (~400m) of the Newbery Crescent site.
- 8) This space is no longer classified as a playground. It is classified as Urban Open Space and is available for community use.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



Date:

7/8/24

By the Minister for City Services, Tara Cheyne MLA