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QON No. 53

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

In relation to: Mowing Practices

- 1) Can you please outline what, if any, steps have been taken to improve mowing practices to reduce the spread of weeds in line with agreed recommendations from the Government response to the Nature in the City report?

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

- 1) City Services has redesigned the training package for mower operators to include education about directional mowing practices from non-weed infested areas to infested areas to limit weed spread. It also defines priority weed species that operators should be looking out for in urban open spaces. The training includes the need to identify and report new weed sites/outbreaks and the necessary mower hygiene actions required to be taken by the operator. This training was first implemented at the start of the 2020-21 mowing season.

City Services is now investigating future options to equip mower operators with small hand-held battery-operated blowers. This could assist with mower cleaning after mowing identified weed locations to limit cross contamination to other areas.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA