



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City and Government Services – TCCS

Hearing: 14/02/2025

In relation to: Streetlights in Hawker

Question received: 18/02/2025

Answer Due: 25/02/2025

1. Why have the streetlights on Elkedra Close, Hawker, not been operational for at least 10 days since 6 February 2025?
2. Why has there been no response from the ACT Government, despite residents reaching out, about this issue?
3. Is TCCS aware of an increase in rates of crime in Hawker as a consequence of the streetlight outage?
4. Is TCCS aware of an increase in rates of stolen vehicles in Hawker as a consequence of the streetlight outage?

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

1. The streetlight outage in Hawker is due to a cable fault. The streetlight maintenance contractor is undertaking repairs with an estimated completion of repairs expected in March 2025. These types of faults can be complex to repair as the cables are located underground and require excavation works to pinpoint the precise location of the fault.
2. TCCS has received seven public enquiries regarding the streetlight outage in Elkedra Close. From 11 February 2025 customers were advised, via automated responses, that the outage was due to a cable fault. No estimated completion timeframe was provided in the response. TCCS lists all known streetlight outages on the City Services website. In this case, the outage is listed under Gorrie Close, Hawker, as this location is the source of the cable fault on Elkedra Close. I have asked the directorate to clarify on the website that a fault in one street may be affecting other nearby streets.
3. No. This question is best directed to ACT Policing.
4. No. This question is best directed to ACT Policing.

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Signature: 

Date: 26/2/25

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA