



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Road repair requests

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Mr Tim Rampton took on notice the following question(s):

MR CAIN: Yes. So related and a bit broader though, minister, what is the current estimated value of the territories road maintenance backlog, and I understand if you take that on notice.

Mr Rampton: That is a difficult one to answer because our main road maintenance program is a preventive one. So we are doing a lot of our preventive maintenance, our road resealing, our asphaltting is to extend the life of the existing assets. Our backlog, the short-term repairs, the make goods, the cold mix type of treatments, I could certainly extract a volume of how many requests we have in that space. But in terms of the—if you think about as a bigger program, it is definitely a preventative maintenance program on what is a massive asset throughout the territory.

MR CAIN: Obviously anything close to what I am seeking would be appreciated for the committee. Minister, what measurable improvement in road conditions does the government expect to achieve by the end of this financial year, do you have a target?

Ms Cheyne: Beyond what's in the budget indicators, no.

MR CAIN: What about qualitative changes to help road maintenance is done within the next financial year? Are there any changes anticipated in how you go about doing the very thing that has just been talked about.

Mr Rampton: We are always looking at new technology and new approaches to do things but if I reflect on the current maintenance program which is recently—well, the big program which was recently finished that was sort of traditional approaches that we have used in previous years. We are always looking to explore recycled content and bitumen stabilisation concepts as well as recycling asphalt methodologies as well, so that is typical for what we are doing.

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

An extract from Roads ACT's Assetic (Asset Management System) as at 27 July 2026 indicates that there are currently 12 recorded potholes requiring cold mix repairs and 447 locations requiring asphalt hot mix patching, representing a total treatment area of approximately 18,654 square metres.

The average cost of a cold mix pothole repair is approximately \$80 per pothole, while hot mix asphalt patching is typically estimated at around \$90 per square metre, excluding establishment costs.

Based on these rates, the estimated cost to address the recorded cold mix potholes is approximately \$960. The estimated cost of the identified hot mix patching works is approximately \$1.7 million, with total costs potentially increasing to around \$2.7 million once establishment and other associated delivery costs (such as proximity of the work) are considered.

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