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

Asked by Ms Lawder:

In relation to:

MS LAWDER: Thanks. You mentioned the annual report with the resurfacing that you tried the geotextile fabric on the Tuggeranong Parkway. Do you have any feedback? How did that go?

Mr Marshall: It is not a particularly new treatment. We use it where it is appropriate. The primary purpose of the geo fabric is to add some structural strength to a spray seal. So as I noted earlier, a spray seal generally speaking is—its objective is to reseal the surface.

It is a—re-waterproof the surface. So its objective is to simply fill the cracks and prevent water ingress into the structural pavement beneath the surface. In some circumstances, if the cracking is significant or if the loadings on the surface are significant—so a busy road with a high proportion of heavy vehicles—spray seal can be fragile in bridging the cracks.

So it can tend to—the cracks can tend to reflect through and therefore you lose, obviously, the waterproofing effect that you are looking for. So the purpose of the fabric is to just add a little bit of structural strength to prevent that or resist that tendency for cracks to reflect through. So it is a very effective treatment used in circumstances where it is appropriate.

MS LAWDER: Thanks. And of the heavy patching. You have got about 50 sites in the ACT were treated with heavy patching. How is that compared to the previous year?

Mr Marshall: I do not have comparison figures.

MS LAWDER: Could you take that on notice?

Mr Marshall: I can take that on notice.

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

A search of records identified 43 heavy patching projects were undertaken in 2016-17. One of these projects included multiple sites in Gungahlin and another project included multiple sites in Tuggeranong.

During 2017-18, records identified 49 heavy patching projects were undertaken.

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By the Minister for City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA