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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked By: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City Services

Reference: Output 2.4 City Maintenance and Services

Hearing Date: 24/07/2024

In relation to: TCCS and Cleaning, sweeping, gutter sweeping

QON lodgement Date: 29/07/2024

Answer Due date: 05/08/2024

- (1) What training or instruction is given to city maintenance staff about blowing leaves, cigarette butts etc into gutters?
- (2) Who is responsible for maintenance of surrounds of ACT Government buildings and keeping the outside areas clean. For example, Legislative Assembly building, Canberra Theatre steps Civic Square, Garema Place, outside libraries? - is the tenant of each building responsible for organising their own staff to leaf blow/clean up or is this done centrally by TCCS?

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

- (1) City Services Maintenance staff undertakes an operational induction as well as on the job training for tasks. As part of this process, blower operation is detailed in a Standard Operating Procedure. This procedure details that debris is to be discharged away from gutters, with an exception to this instruction applied in the City Centre where staff can blow debris into the gutters for the mechanical sweeper to collect within a short time.
- (2) The leaseholder/building owner has responsibility to maintain the area within their block boundary. City Services Maintenance staff are then responsible for maintaining (leaf blow/clean up) the surrounds of the Legislative Assembly building, Canberra Theatre steps and outside of Civic library. City Services also maintains the land classified as urban open space, which includes Garema Place and Civic Square.

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Signature: 

Date: 7/8/24

By the Minister for City Services, Tara Cheyne MLA