



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 11

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
MS TARA CHEYNE MLA (CHAIR), CANDICE BURCH MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JAMES MILLIGAN MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Recycling and Waste Reduction

Ref: Transport Canberra and City Services Annual Report 2018-2019 Volume 1, Roads ACT

In relation to: Commercial Organic Waste

1. Are you currently working on plans to develop a system to collect commercial organic waste?
2. Please provide any details of progress and projected timeframes?

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

1. ACT NoWaste investigations regarding commercial waste will include the analysis of all organic waste streams to establish the ACT organic waste footprint. The data will include current organic waste volumes, types and composition, both domestic and commercial, as well as future projections.

Spatial mapping of current and forecast organic waste generation is also required to inform assessment of collection requirements, site locations and transport implications, including routes and potential transfer station requirements for all waste streams.

Any proposed collection and processing facility for organic waste may be capable of receiving food organics from domestic and commercial providers and a Feasibility Study into available options for collection and processing of food organics will include data from all sectors to maximise the diversion of organics from landfill.

Any commercial collection services will not form part of the kerbside collection model implemented through ACT NoWaste but there may be viable opportunities for a commercial operator to participate in organic waste transfer once a local facility is established. There are existing commercial food and garden organics processing businesses in operation in the ACT.

2. There is a current ACT Government Tender process underway to investigate all aspects of organic waste identification, quantification, collection and processing.

Planning for the technology, design and implementation of any organic waste processing facility will take some years and early development is underway.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

Signature: 

Date: 3/12/17

By the Minister for Recycling and Waste Reduction, Mr Chris Steel MLA