



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES**  
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**Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for City Services

Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate, 2018–19 Annual Report, output class 2.1 Roads and Infrastructure.

Share paths/ Bike paths

1. There are 478 kilometres of shared paths in ACT. Does this include all off road bike paths?
2. How are these paths kept swept?
3. What was the performance measure for sweeping shared paths in 2018-19?
4. Has it been met?
5. How do we know that this service has been delivered effectively and efficiently when no report is provided?

Footpaths

1. There are over 3,000 kilometres of footpaths in ACT?
2. How are these paths kept swept?
3. What was the performance measure for maintenance of paths in 2018-19?
4. Has it been met?
5. In QON 14 August 2019 you said there were 600 identified issues with footpaths at that time and they went onto a "Community path priority list". How is this list managed?
6. When a resident is told their complaint is on the list, what can they expect?

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

Share paths/ Bike paths

1. There are approximately 500 kilometres of shared paths in the ACT. Yes, this includes off road bike paths.
2. A number of mechanical devices are utilised for most sweeping, some areas require staff to use blowers and perform manual removal of debris.
3. Cycle paths are inspected and cleaned as required when issues are noted by operational staff or as a result of community requests. Pro-active inspections occur at known high risk areas such as locations subject to extensive tree debris and locations susceptible to sediment movement after rain events.
4. Data is not collected on the location-of specific sweeping activities, however records are kept of responses to community requests.

5. Maintenance inspection outcomes are recorded in asset management systems. Location-specific cleaning activities are not currently captured .

#### Footpaths

1. There are 2,616 kilometres of footpaths in the ACT. Including shared paths, there are approximately 3000km of paths in the ACT.
2. Adjacent lessees are expected to sweep the path and maintain the nature strip outside their residence. Paths running through open space have grass clippings removed after mowing.
3. Urgent repairs will be made within seven working days, and less urgent issues are scheduled in larger contracts for efficiency. These are typically completed within six to nine months depending on priority.
4. Yes.
5. Requests for new footpaths are currently listed in the "Community path priority list". Once a request is received then it is assessed and prioritised then included in the list. The construction of this program is funded through capital funding. This is a live document and frequently updated after assessing new requests and completion of construction of any site.
6. The number of new paths delivered each year depends on the length and complexity of each request. 32 new paths were constructed in 2018-19 in response to requests from the community. Each year the program typically delivers around 20 of the highest prioritised projects.

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By the Minister for Roads and Active Travel, Mr Chris Steel MLA