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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**Questions on Notice Paper No 15**  
**Question No. 693**

**MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

What evidence is there that the Water Sensitive Urban Design code is achieving its objectives, that is, what testing has been conducted to ensure that the assets are still functioning years after being installed and that pervious areas are maintained and not covered in hard surfaces

**MINISTER GENTLEMAN** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Healthy Waterways program has invested in better understanding of the performance of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) infrastructure in the Territory (see QON232 and QON477). In addition to monitoring, ACT Healthy Waterways invested in research delivered by the University of Canberra which examined the water quality performance of existing urban stormwater ponds, and their responses to variable water levels.

The ACT Waterwatch Catchment Health Indicator Project (CHIP) provides an annual report on the water quality of ACT lakes and waterways, as the receiving waterbodies for stormwater run-off. Water quality reported through the CHIP provides important information on the effectiveness of WSUD implementation.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning and Land Management

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