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

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

In relation to: Public Park Irrigation Systems - upgrades and decommissioning

1. Which parks have had their irrigation systems upgraded in the 2017-18 financial year, and advise for each:
 - a. when the irrigation system was upgraded;
 - b. the nature of the upgrade;
 - c. the lifespan of the upgraded or new irrigation system; and
 - d. the cost of each upgrade project.
2. Which parks have had their irrigation systems decommissioned in the 2017-18 financial year, and advise for each:
 - a. when the irrigation system was decommissioned;
 - b. why it was decommissioned;
 - c. the cost of each decommissioning project.
3. How will parks which have been forced to have irrigations decommissioned be watered?
 - a. If parks will not be watered, what works will be carried out to ensure foliage in these parks does not die?

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

1. In the 2017-2018 financial year, no parks received irrigation upgrades. All operating systems received regular maintenance including the replacement of aged parts as required e.g. wiring replacements and or valve replacements.
2. In the 2017-2018 financial year, no parks had their irrigation systems decommissioned. The only system to be decommissioned in recent years was the Northbourne Avenue irrigation system to make way for the light rail project.
3. Parks that have had the irrigation switched off will no longer be irrigated;
 - a. To maintain the health of shrubs and trees in parks that have had their irrigations systems decommissioned, a range of alternative management responses are used such as regular mulching and targeted watering of trees that might show early signs of decline.

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By the Minister for City Services, Chris Steel MLA