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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

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.

In relation to: Micro Parks

1. How is the popularity of micro parks being measured?
2. How do the cost benefits of microparks compare to traditional permanent parks?

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

1. Permanent micro parks have not yet been constructed. Temporary micro parks have been piloted in various locations, such as at Garema Place and in front of the Woden Library. Popularity has been assessed through engagement and survey. As identified on the TCCS website:
 - In the final week of its installation in Garema Place a survey was undertaken on the micro park. Respondents felt that the micro park looked welcoming, colourful, vibrant and creative. They also liked that the micro park offered a good place to rest, sit, eat, meet and catch up with friends.
 - In relation to the Woden micro park, respondents to date have positively commented that the micro park has created a bright, fun and cheerful atmosphere that creates a sense of community and offers an attractive space for people to stay to socialise, read, chat, people watch and eat.
2. Cost benefits provided by micro parks are generally expected to be higher than traditional parks as they will provide park amenity on a smaller scale in areas of higher population density. The smaller scale of micro parks, whilst they may cost more per square meter for infrastructure and maintenance, will service a greater number of people in areas of higher density.

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

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Date:

3/12/19

By the Minister for City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA