



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 October 2021

Asked by Ms Lawder on 21 October 2021: Mr Rattenbury took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS LAWDER: So is there certification of compliance required as part of the handover of water sensitive urban design projects or assets? Is that certification required at the handover to the ACT government by whoever may be building them? And is that included in your sort of annual reporting or how could I see any of these certification of compliance documents?

Mr Walker: Ms Lawder, we will take that question on notice and provide you with some advice on the information that is available and give you visibility of that information.

MS LAWDER: Thanks. And just to clarify, too, if they do not comply with MIS, including MIS08, could you explain why it was appropriate to build them not to that standard? If you could take that on notice?

Mr Walker: Yes, we can and I guess, certainly, and the position is that yes, they do comply with that standard and we are continuing to work with our colleagues in TCCS to make sure that all future ...(indistinct)... [10.33.28] projects continue to comply with that and we will provide that reassurance to you.

Minister Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Certification is required to determine the responsibility of management and the liability of the assets prior to transferring the asset from developers to the Territory. For the handover of water quality assets, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) provides separate certificates to the construction contractor for both operational and final acceptance of civil works and hard landscaping, soft landscaping and water plants.

Operational acceptance initiates a period when assets are in defect liability or landscaping and plantings are under consolidation or establishment. Both at operational acceptance and before TCCS certifies handover of assets to the Territory, they check that the 'work as executed' complies with the design for the asset, which was previously approved.

With respect to annual reporting of compliance documents, financial data on Healthy Waterways assets will be reported in the upcoming EPSDD annual report. However, the detailed handover

documents are held in ProjectWise, a web portal that TCCS use to administer development documents and are not reported publicly.

As MIS advice cannot cover every possible outcome, when there are inconsistencies between MIS08 standards and site-related constraints on developers through asset designs, an alternate solution may be adopted in the design review report for an asset where it is agreed that the construction of the asset complies with the intent and objectives of the MIS.

The decision about whether or not to proceed with construction of a water quality asset will depend on considerations of benefits and costs, and whether priority issues like public safety can be satisfactorily addressed through asset review designs.

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By the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Minister Rattenbury