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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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## **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Mrs Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Transport and City Services, Annual Report

In relation to: Mature Trees

1. Why has the creation of the draft action plan for mature trees taken three and a half years so far?
2. What measures have you put in place to ensure a more timely and efficient development of these action plans?
3. Has and will the Minister establish a loss of mature tree register or any other mechanism to monitor the loss of mature trees?
4. Approximately how many mature native trees have we lost to urban development over the past three and half years?

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

1. During this time, the ACT landscape has been affected by major wildfires, floods and storms; This has had significant impact on mature native trees across the Territory requiring reassessment of the Action Plan. These factors, alongside workforce challenges with the COVID-19 health emergency, have impacted the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate's timeframes.
2. The draft action plan for mature trees will utilise contemporary evidence and be a fit-for-purpose plan.
3. The draft action plan will consider a mechanism to monitor the loss of mature native trees.
4. The draft action plan will provide context around the number of trees lost due to a range of factors including urban development.

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

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA