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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MS JO CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Portfolio area, City Services – Roads ACT

Hearing Date: 18 July 2023

In relation to: TCCS Path Maintenance

As part of pre-budget announcement on the 16th of June it was announced that \$5m in additional maintenance funding for paths would be part of the 23-24 ACT Budget;

- 1) Where can this additional funding be seen in the budget?
- 2) What is the total budget of path maintenance in FY 23-24?
- 3) Does any of this maintenance funding come from new projects or will the entirety of this funding be used for the regular maintenance program?
- 4) What is the budgeted ACT path maintenance budget in Financial Years a. 23-24, 24-25, 25-26?

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) Please refer to the 2023-24 ACT Budget Outlook, Page 190, initiative titled "Better transport infrastructure – Supporting active travel".
- 2) The total path maintenance budget for 2023-24 is currently in the final stages of development. However, it is estimated to be approximately \$9.6 million, when considering an average annual figure from the multi-year initiative funding listed below. The breakdown includes:
 - a. \$6,164,152 as base 2022-2023 expense funding (maintenance on both concrete and asphalt paths;
 - b. Estimated \$3,450,000 of initiative funding based on an annual average from the following multi-year initiatives:
 - i. Access to additional funding from a four-year ACT Budget investment (\$3.7 million) into cycle and shared path maintenance (reference: 2021-22 ACT Budget); and
 - ii. Access to additional funding from a two-year ACT Budget (\$5.058 million) from 2023-24 (capital and expense) for the maintenance of footpaths and pavers (reference: 2023-24 ACT Budget).
- 3) Additional funding will supplement the base budget for path maintenance. The figures listed above are not based on receiving additional funding due to new projects. However, in general additional maintenance funding is provided following asset handover of newly built assets and will be reflected in growth of base expense budget for TCCS.
- 4) Please refer to the response to question 2 for the 2023-24 figure. The forecast budget for 24-25 and 25-26 can't be accurately provided at this stage, but would include the following:
 - a. Base expense budget plus WPI (% TBC);
 - b. Additional maintenance funding due to growth in the asset base (TBC);

- c. Additional maintenance funding from previously committed budget initiatives (i.e. as listed for 2i & 2ii above); and
- d. Any other funding that may be committed in future ACT budget initiatives or grant funding from the Australian government (yet to be considered).

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature: 

Date: 27/7/23

By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA