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MS LAWDER: To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction—

- (1) Has monitoring of the performance of constructed assets started; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will this performance monitoring commence.
- (2) Why has the annual ACT Water report not been published since 2015.
- (3) Why is the cost of disposal of stormwater waste, sediment from ponds and dredging spoil nearly twice that of asbestos.
- (4) Have any Canberrans become sick as a result of poor water quality in the ACT's waterways.
- (5) What monitoring is being done regarding the floating wetlands research project at the Village Creek inflow.
- (6) In relation to the project referred to in part (5), what nutrient uptake is expected and how is it analysed/determined.
- (7) How frequently will the plants be harvested.
- (8) How does it compare to other floating wetlands, such as the one in Wagga.
- (9) How does it compare to the nutrient uptake of shoreline macrophytes or in-situ wetlands.

MR STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (3) The cost to dispose of stormwater waste is not twice that of the cost to dispose of asbestos. For the 2022-2023 financial year, the cost to dispose of stormwater waste at the Mugga Lane landfill is \$162.91 (GST exclusive) per tonne. In comparison, the cost to dispose of asbestos or products containing asbestos at the Mugga Lane landfill is \$182.91 (GST exclusive) per tonne. Disposal fees are publicly available on the City Services website - https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/fees_and_charges#ACTNOWasteAdministrativeFees.

