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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
9 November 2018

Asked by Alistair Coe MLA:

In relation to: Water Sensitive Urban Design delivery in the last 12 months . . .

MR COE: Tell us what water sensitive design have been delivered in the last 12 months.

Mr Snow: I am happy to take that question on notice. I mean, the reality is that the sustainability strategy was publicly launched today, Mr Coe. That has not stopped us in those pre-application discussions particularly with developers and applicants wanting to do development within the precinct to encourage them to start thinking about some of these things.

But my response to your question is that it is all well and good to have policy, but we need to measure the effectiveness of those policies. To be able to do that, we need very clear indicators and measures. And so what our sustainability strategy focuses on is not policy, it is saying what will be the indicators and measures of the effectiveness of the policy developed by the Environment Directorate.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

In the City Renewal Precinct, the City Renewal Authority has applied Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles in the preparation of concept designs for the proposed verge upgrades to Northbourne Avenue, and in the Haig Park Place Plan. Both initiatives are currently in the design phase and will be implemented as part of the Authority’s capital works program. WSUD is a key water quality initiative and will be adopted for all projects within suitable sized catchments that require stormwater retention to reduce the risk of flooding and improved water quality treatment. The Authority will continue to apply WSUD principles as part of its project delivery model.

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA