



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City Services - City and Environment Directorate

Hearing: 22 July 2026

In relation to: Footpath maintenance and repairs

Question received: 22 July 2026

Answer Due: 6 August 2026

(1) Can you please provide comparative costings for constructing the following types of paths:

- (a) Concrete paths
- (b) Asphalt paths
- (c) Crushed aggregate paths

(2) How much did the ACT Government spend in 2025-26 on footpath maintenance and repairs?

(3) How much did the ACT Government spend in 2025-26 on legal costs, damages, and any other expenses relating to personal injury claims stemming from footpath-related issues?

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1) The below prices are averages and can vary substantially based on such factors as:

- between contractors depending on their commercial arrangements with local suppliers;
- market and industry conditions;
- on length of path and size of package of work; and
- on-site conditions/ constraints (grade, utilities, existing ground conditions etc).

(a) Concrete paths on average cost between = \$280 - \$300 m². This can vary from site to site depending on length of path and other site conditions.

(b) Asphalt paths on average cost between = \$100 - \$300 m².

(c) Crushed aggregate paths cost between = \$120 - 220m² (this rate varies greatly between local contractors as these are not frequently delivered and depends on area and plant/machinery to be used).

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- 2) The ACT Government spent \$7,178,424 in 2025-26 on footpath maintenance and repairs.
- 3) The ACT Insurance Authority's total expenditure on footpath related personal injury claims for the 2025-26 financial year was \$2,774,146.05.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature: 

Date: 7/8/26

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA