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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2019

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder:

In relation to: Provide a Breakdown of Costs for Services provided by the Cemeteries Authority

THE CHAIR: Good. Are there any other questions on cemeteries? Just one quick one. This might be in there. On page 52 with the total cost of sales of the different offerings, product offerings, services, not product offerings—some are products, I suppose.

Is there a break-down elsewhere in this report about how many—you know, this is the total cost for the, or the total revenue for these, but is there a breakdown of, you know, how many burials there were, how many plaques were issued and how many memorials were set up?

So I am just curious. You know, lots and lots of—like, this could be lots and lots of plaques, but maybe plaques are more expensive than burials, I do not know. So without the break-down it is just hard to tell.

Mr Steel: I might take that on notice. Having seen the long list of services that are offered by the Cemeteries Authority, it is huge, and so we will see what we can provide, I think, in terms of a break-down of those costs.

Mr Bartos: We can provide that in—there is some information presented in the form of graphs and charts, but a table with numbers from memory I do not think is in there. So we can provide that.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Breakdown of Cost of Sales, as reported on page 52 of the 2018-19 TCCS Annual Report Volume 2 is as follows:

Cost of Sales Breakdown

Interment Sites (\$157k)

Creation of 96 new graves at Gungahlin Cemetery (87 in Portion 18 General Lawn, 9 in Natural Burial).
Creation of 106 new graves at Woden Cemetery (51 in Portion 11 Catholic Lawn, 55 in Portion 4 General Headstone).
Installation of 18 vaults (6 at Gungahlin, 12 at Woden).

Burial Costs (\$82k)

Cost of cemetery staff to prepare 487 burials (203 Woden, 278 Gungahlin, 6 Hall) and 140 ashes interments (104 Woden, 32 Gungahlin, 4 Hall).

Plaques (\$111k)

Relates to the purchase of:
497 Plaques;
38 Ceramic Photos; and
14 Mausoleum Panel Inscriptions.

Memorials (\$69k)

Relates to the purchase of:
40 Raised Granite Blocks for Woden Lawn;
10 Granite Blocks for Woden Tree Allotments;
200 vases for lawn allotments; and
6 Dedication Seats.

This amount also includes fees for stonemasons to perform 68 ledger removals for burials.

User Charges Revenue

Page 47 of the Annual Report provides information as to User Charges Revenue.

Allotment and Reservation Fees (\$1.298m)

The breakup of the allotment and reservation fees of \$1.298m is split between allotment fees, reservation burial and reservation plaque fees.

Allotment fees are comprised of:

Quantity	Product	Location	18-19 revenue received
216	Allotment Sale	Gungahlin	\$353k
182	Allotment Sale	Woden	\$449k
3	Allotment Sale	Hall	\$4k
4	Allotment Sale	Mausoleum	\$123k
12	Allotment Transfer	Gungahlin	\$2k
14	Allotment Transfer	Woden	\$2k
2	Allotment Transfer	Hall	<\$1k
1	Allotment Surrender	Gungahlin	<-\$1k
6	Allotment Surrender	Woden	-\$6k
1	Allotment Surrender	Hall	<-\$1k

Reservation Plaque fees are comprised of:

Quantity	Product	Location	18-19 revenue received
53	Plaque	Gungahlin	\$45k
96	Plaque	Woden	\$66k
3	Plaque	Hall	\$2k
29	Plaque Taken Up (paid in previous years)	Gungahlin	\$14k
77	Plaque Taken Up (paid in previous years)	Woden	\$23k
4	Plaque Refund	Woden	-\$2k

Reservation Burial fees are comprised of:

Quantity	Product	Location	18-19 revenue received
163	Burial	Gungahlin	\$97k
162	Burial	Woden	\$131k
3	Burial	Hall	\$7k
1	Burial	Mausoleum	<\$1k
73	Burial Taken Up (paid in previous years)	Gungahlin	N/A
104	Burial Taken Up (paid in previous years)	Woden	N/A
4	Burial Taken Up (paid in previous years)	Hall	N/A
1	Burial Taken Up (paid in previous years)	Mausoleum	N/A
1	Burial Refund	Gungahlin	-\$2k
5	Burial Refund	Woden	-\$7k
1	Burial Refund	Hall	-\$3k

Maintenance Fees (\$1.462m)

Maintenance fees are comprised of:

Location	18-19 revenue received
Gungahlin	\$752k
Woden	\$605k
Hall	\$2k
Mausoleum	\$103k

Memorial Fees (\$149k)

Memorial fees are comprised of income for memorial permits:

Quantity	Type	Location	18-19 revenue received
144	Permit	Gungahlin	\$93k
82	Permit	Woden	\$58k
2	Permit	Hall	\$1k
1	Permit Refund	Gungahlin	<-\$1k
3	Permit Refund	Woden	<-\$1k
1	Permit Refund	Hall	<-\$1k

Burial Fees (\$812k)

The breakup of the burial fees \$812k is split between burials and ashes interments.

487 burials are comprised of:

Quantity	Location	18-19 revenue received*
278	Gungahlin	479k
203	Woden	276k
6	Hall	7k

The types of graves used for these burials are as follows:

Quantity	Location	Type
180	Gungahlin	Lawn Plaque/Small Headstone
74	Gungahlin	Headstone (Full Monument)
9	Gungahlin	Vault
11	Gungahlin	Natural Burial
4	Gungahlin	Children's Garden

Quantity	Location	Type
101	Woden	Lawn Plaque/Small Headstone
79	Woden	Headstone (Full Monument)
4	Woden	Vaults
16	Woden	Mausoleum Crypt
3	Woden	Children's Garden

Quantity	Location	Type
6	Hall	Headstone (Full Monument)

The 140 ashes interments are comprised of:

Quantity	Location	18-19 revenue received*
32	Gungahlin	14k
104	Woden	34k
4	Hall	2k

The types of graves used for these interments are as follows:

Quantity	Location	Type
19	Gungahlin	Lawn Plaque/Small Headstone
3	Gungahlin	Headstone (Full Monument)
10	Gungahlin	Memorial Gardens/Rock

Quantity	Location	Type
33	Woden	Lawn Plaque/Small Headstone
11	Woden	Headstone (Full Monument)
36	Woden	Memorial Gardens/Rock
21	Woden	Liquidambar Lane
3	Woden	Mausoleum

Quantity	Location	Type
3	Hall	Memorial Gardens
1	Hall	Headstone (Full Monument)

*Please note that revenue for these burials and ashes interments was not all received in 18-19, some revenue for burials and interments performed in 18-19 may have been received in previous years. Total burial revenue for 18-19 is noted on pg. 47 of the annual report.

Plaques and Vaults (\$439k)

Plaques and vault fees are comprised of income from the following:

Quantity	Type	Location	18-19 revenue received
171	Plaque	Gungahlin	\$112k
165	Plaque	Woden	\$91k
1	Plaque	Hall	<\$1k
1	Panel Inscription	Mausoleum	\$2k
9	Vault	Gungahlin	\$75k
11	Vault	Woden	\$82k
N/A	Monument/Vase*	Gungahlin	\$30k
N/A	Monument/Vase*	Woden	\$45k
N/A	Monument/Vase*	Hall	\$1k

*Monument/Vase fees are made up fees charged for raised granite blocks, replacement vases etc – detailed data not readily available.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for City Services, Chris Steel MLA

