



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 8 November 2022, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate

In relation to: Fertiliser

- 1) What fertiliser is used to maintain public sportsgrounds and ovals?
- 2) How often are sportsgrounds and ovals fertilised?
- 3) Was there only one oval refurbished in the Calwell Oval Refurbishment?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) The fertilizer used on ACT sportsgrounds is a custom mixed Nitrogen Phosphorus Potassium mix (20% nitrogen, 2% phosphorus, 16% potassium) with the balance made up of organic compost material. It is considered a general-purpose fertilizer.
- 2) Sportsgrounds are routinely fertilised biannually. However, the last two years has seen this frequency reduced to annually due to increased ground moisture content.
- 3) At the Calwell District Playing Fields, Calwell 204 – a single enclosed football field – was fully refurbished. The oval's topsoil was removed and replaced, and a new cooch grass-based surface cultivated. The remaining two fields received more minor works, which included enriching the existing top 100mm of topsoil with compost and some fresh soil mixed together with the existing soil. A new cooch grass surface was also cultivated.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA