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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 29 August 2022: Mr Geoffrey Rutledge took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Healthy Waterways Funding Breakdown

MS LAWDER: Of course. Yes. So the last year's budget paper had, you know, funding over a few years for Healthy Waterways. This year's budget paper, only \$90,000 was spent of the \$750,000 that was allocated for the year, in last year's budget.

And then in 2003-04, it is zero, according to this year's budget—

Mr Rattenbury: Just remind me which page you are on, quickly?

MS LAWDER: On page 26, budget paper E. It is table 27.

Mr Rattenbury: Yes, thank you.

MS LAWDER: Just comparing it to the previous year's budget, or is it just that these are variations? Just trying to understand why it might look like only \$90,000 was spent last year.

Mr Rattenbury: Yes, certainly. Perhaps the first point I could make is that this table specifically relates to—

Mr Rutledge: The mid-year budget—

Mr Rattenbury: Yes, the mid-year budget. Sorry.

Mr Rutledge: So, Ms Lawder. Yes. The budget line you are looking at is for the mid-year budget. And so, in that year budget, we got a little bit of money to complete some projects. And then some money for delivery in 22-23. And then there is actually—those projects, there will be a year of zero, which will be zero maintenance. And then some ongoing work, as you can see, in 24-25, 25-26.

The budget in this financial year that we are looking at—I am trying to find it. We have got additional funding for Healthy Waterways. So it is just a breakup of the projects.

So for clarity, I think probably rather than talk the committee through the papers live, why do I not put those together in a table for you on notice, Ms Lawder?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

There are two separate initiatives involved in the 2021-22 budget. One was granted as part of the normal budget process, and one was granted at the mid-year budget review. For budget review appropriations related to the budget year underway (2021-22), any new funding is disclosed in the estimated outcome column of the Appropriation Tables. These are additional funding and does not reflect expenditure on pre-existing initiatives.

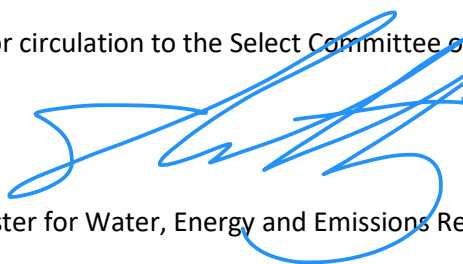
Details of the separate initiatives associated Controlled Recurrent Payments (CRP) funding for Healthy Waterways, can be found below:

	Budget paper reference	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Protecting Canberra's unique environment – Expanding Healthy waters	Page 33, 2021-22 Budget Statements E	730	870	903	937	
Protecting Canberra's unique environment – Expanding Healthy waters	Page 26, 2022-23 Budget Statements E	90	2,237	0	117	226
Total of two initiatives (CRP)		820	3,107	903	1,054	226

The original budget, as noted above, was \$730,000 in CRP funding. Following budget review \$820,000 was available in CRP funding for the year. Between the two initiatives a total of \$1,857,000 in capital was granted for the 2021-22 financial year.

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By the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Shane Rattenbury MLA