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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 1067

Asked by Mrs Kikkert MLA –

- (1) How many environmental audits under the Contaminated Sites Environment Protection Policy have been undertaken, in the last three years, for or on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a general description of the contamination that was suspected at each one to trigger the audit?
- (3) What was the duration of the testing and monitoring for each audit?
- (4) How many of these audits were mandatory and how many were undertaken voluntarily?

MS CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) A total of 34 audits have been reviewed and endorsed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) during the last three years.
- (2) This is provided in the attached *Site audit summary* spreadsheet, within column F "Contaminated Site Classification" for each of the 34 audits. The general descriptions included:
 - Hydrocarbons,
 - Landfill,
 - Residential asbestos,
 - Uncontrolled fill placement and rural activities,



- Heavy metals,
- Unexploded ordnances,
- Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS),
- Heavy metals,
- Herbicides and pesticides,
- Volatile chlorinated hydrocarbon,
- Pentachlorophenol (PCP) and hexavalent chromium.

(3) The duration of each audit is provided in the attached *Site audit summary* spreadsheet. Testing and monitoring is performed by suitably qualified environmental consultants, then reviewed by an independent auditor who produces the site audit statement and report for a site for EPA review.

(4) A total of 31 of the audits were mandatory and 3 were voluntary.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Business and Better Regulation

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ATTACHMENT: *Site audit summary*

No.	District	Division	Contaminated Site Classification	Audit Notification Date	Audit Finish Date	Audit Type
1	Tuggeranong	-	Service station redevelopment - hydrocarbon	06/07/2012	18/05/2020	Mandatory
2	Canberra Central	Griffith	Service station identified impacts - hydrocarbon	18/04/2019	21/05/2020	Mandatory
3	Canberra Central	Dickson	Former ACT Motor Registry redevelopment - hydrocarbon	10/12/2018	21/05/2020	Mandatory
4	Canberra Central	Fyshwick	Service station retanking - hydrocarbon	31/08/2018	29/05/2020	Mandatory
5	Belconnen	Holt	Service station identified impacts - hydrocarbon	05/06/2018	04/06/2020	Mandatory
6	Woden Valley	Hughes	Service station identified impacts - hydrocarbon	23/05/2019	19/08/2020	Mandatory
7	Canberra Central	Braddon	Fuel storage tanks - hydrocarbon	30/04/2020	11/09/2020	
8	Canberra Central	Fyshwick	Service station identified impacts - hydrocarbon	27/08/2019	16/09/2020	Mandatory
9	Gungahlin/Canberra Central	Multiple divisions	Light rail stage 1 operational phase areas excluding Mitchell Depot - hydrocarbon and landfill	27/04/2016	23/11/2020	Mandatory
10	Gungahlin	Mitchell	Light rail stage 1 operational phase Mitchell Depot - hydrocarbon and landfill	27/04/2016	23/11/2020	Mandatory
11	Tuggeranong	Greenway	Service station identified impacts - hydrocarbon	13/02/2019	06/11/2020	Mandatory
12	Canberra Central	Red Hill	Red Hill public housing precinct - residential - Asbestos	19/08/2019	20/11/2020	Mandatory
13	Canberra Central	Watson	Fuel storage tanks - hydrocarbon	03/12/2018	03/12/2020	Mandatory
14	Canberra Central	Red Hill	Red Hill public housing precinct - non-residential - Asbestos	19/08/2019	08/12/2020	Mandatory
15	Gungahlin	-	Kenny school site - uncontrolled fill placement and rural activities	unknown	23/12/2020	Voluntary
16	Belconnen	Multiple divisions	Ginninderry Precinct Audit Area 2 - sheep dip, agricultural use (herbicides and pesticides)	28/09/2020	09/02/2021	Mandatory
17	Canberra Central	Fyshwick	Former BP Depot - hydrocarbon	21/02/2017	05/03/2021	Mandatory
18	Canberra Central	Watson	Service station redevelopment - hydrocarbon	30/08/2019	29/03/2021	Mandatory
19	Canberra Central	Braddon	Service station redevelopment - hydrocarbon	05/06/2020	10/05/2021	Mandatory
20	Belconnen	Holt	Service station identified impacts - hydrocarbon	26/04/2020	28/06/2021	Mandatory
21	Canberra Central	Kingston	Kingston Foreshore Site 15B heritage area - former industrial zone - hydrocarbon, heavy metals, asbestos	unknown	30/06/2021	Mandatory

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22	Majura	-	Defence field firing range site - unexploded ordnances, PFAS	unknown	21/07/2021	Voluntary
23	Canberra Central/Gungahlin	Multiple divisions	Light rail stage 1 delivery phase audit area - hydrocarbon and landfill	27/04/2016	31/08/2021	Mandatory
24	Canberra Central	Kingston	Kingston Foreshore Site 11 and 16B - former industrial zone - hydrocarbon, heavy metals, asbestos	unknown	15/10/2021	Mandatory
25	Canberra Central	Watson	Naturally occuring heavy metal impacts	25/03/2022	06/04/2022	Mandatory
26	Canberra Central	Fyshwick	Former DAS Fleet (incl. Service Station) - hydrocarbon	28/01/2020	14/04/2022	Mandatory
27	Canberra Central	Watson	Naturally occuring heavy metal impacts	30/03/2022	26/04/2022	Mandatory
28	Molonglo Valley	Multiple divisions	Molonglo Stage 3 development Area B, Stage 2 - agricultural use (herbicides and pesitcides), unexploded ordnance (UXO)	23/07/2020	10/05/2022	Mandatory
29	Belconnen	McKellar	Landfill (spoil dump)	12/10/2020	25/05/2022	Mandatory
30	Molonglo Valley	Whitlam	Northern Portion of Namarag Special Purpose Reserve, Molonglo Valley 3 Area B, Stage 4 - former sewage sludge ponds, agricultural use (herbicides and pesitcides), unexploded ordnance (UXO)	23/07/2020	23/05/2022	Mandatory
31	Belconnen	Holt	Volatile chlorinated hydrocarbon	unknown	08/08/2022	Voluntary
32	Belconnen	Holt	Service station retanking - hydrocarbon	26/04/2020	11/10/2022	Mandatory
33	Canberra Central	City/Acton	Light rail stage 2A - hydrocarbon, heavy metals, pesticides, asbestos	27/04/2016	22/12/2022	Mandatory
34	Gungahlin	Mitchell	Sandford St Business Park - primarily PFAS, pentachlorophenol (PCP) and hexavalent chromium	05/12/2019	14/12/2022	Mandatory