

**Chris Steel MLA**

Minister for Transport and City Services

Minister for Skills

Special Minister of State

Member for Murrumbidgee

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**
**Questions on Notice Paper No 36**
**27 October 2023**
**Question No. 1486**
**MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- 1) How many sharps were collected, every month, by government workers between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- 2) How many reports were made to the sharps hotline, every month, between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- 3) How many other pieces of drug paraphernalia broken down by type, ie, bongs, pipes, spoons, were collected, every month, by government workers between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- 4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the top 10 areas in Canberra that collects the most amount of sharps and drug paraphernalia.

**MR STEEL MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) City Services rangers do not collect data on sharps from routine cleaning activities such as emptying of sharps containers in public toilet blocks. The following table identifies the total number of sharps collected following reports made through Fix my Street.

Month	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
Sharps Collected	23	16	22	20	23	12	11	15	20	14	12	11

Month	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23
Sharps Collected	17	15	26	14	14	26	23	20	12	17

- 2) The table outlines the calls by month to the Sharps hotline from 1 January 2022 through to 28 October 2023.

Month	Number of reports to sharps hotline
Jan-22	32
Feb-22	29
Mar-23	26
Apr-22	17
May-22	27
Jun-22	22
Jul-22	16
Aug-22	27
Sep-22	37
Oct-22	16
Nov-22	17
Dec-22	21
Jan-23	31
Feb-23	26
Mar-23	40
Apr-23	28
May-23	29
Jun-23	41
Jul-23	28
Aug-23	35
Sep-23	29
Oct-23	21

- 3) City Services rangers collect these items in routine cleaning activities, and they are considered general waste. As a consequence, the ACT Government does not retain any data on the total number of items collected.
- 4) Refer to 3.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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