

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 605

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services

1. How many rangers were employed in each year of (a) 2023-2024, (b) 2024-2025 and (c) 2025-2026 to date, in the (i) Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate, (ii) Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, and (iii) City and Environment Directorate.
2. What programs or operations areas are the rangers referred to in part (1) allocated to.
3. How many rangers and volunteer coordinators were employed in the Urban Parks and Places Program in each year of (a) 2023-2024, (b) 2024-2025 and (c) 2025-2026 to date.

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

1.

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Licensing and Compliance Officers	16	16	16
Urban Reserves	27	27	30
National Parks & Catchments	17	18	17
Domestic Animal Services	19	16	16
Total	79	77	79

2. The City and Environment Directorate, (formally TCCS) Licensing and Compliance unit (L&C) is primary body responsible for the regulation of public land in the Territory. L&C regulates public land in accordance with the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013* and the *Litter Act 2004*. L&C also assists in the administration of the *Planning Act 2023* and enforcement of the *Urban Forest Act 2023*.

L&C Compliance Officers keep unleased Territory land safe and amenable by responding to applications and complaints regarding moveable and fixed signs, abandoned vehicles, sharps, illegal activities, line of sight problems and the unauthorised use of unleased Territory land. This includes the pro-active targeting of breaches of the abovementioned legislation. Services include:

- investigation of unapproved use of unleased land including illegal camping and unapproved storage of materials;
- investigation of littering offences and illegal dumping;
- investigation of line-of-sight problems pertaining to nature strip developments, objects, trees, or foliage;

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- enforcement of the Code of Practice for Movable Signs;
- investigation of overhanging foliage obstructing public footpaths;
- compliance checks for permits issued under the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013*;
- abandoned vehicle removal; and
- shopping trolley regulation.

Domestic Animal Services (DAS) provides animal control services to the Canberra community. This includes collection and impoundment of stray and roaming dogs, community education about responsible pet ownership, pet registration and the management of the dog shelter.

DAS investigates reports of animal nuisance, dangerous dogs and dog attacks.

Parks and Conservation Service Rangers work across all Urban Nature Reserves, National Parks and Catchments and other land with environmental values to deliver the following services for the environment and the community:

- invasive plants management;
- pest management;
- native wildlife and threatened species management;
- environment restoration programs;
- ecological monitoring;
- conservation programs and threatened ecosystem recovery programs;
- fire and fire-fuel management;
- built infrastructure repairs and maintenance;
- track and trail maintenance and repairs;
- visitor experience, interpretation, education and volunteer coordination;
- heritage conservation;
- community safety including emergency response;
- compliance;
- conservation planning.

3.

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Rangers	0	0	0
Volunteer Coordinators	1	1	1

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for City and Government Services

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