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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 7****Friday, 16 May 2025****Question No. 461****MS BARRY:** To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

1. Can the Minister advise the legal status of the Umbagong District Park.
2. Is there a (a) maintenance strategy and (b) future development plan for Umbagong District Park; if so, can they be provided.
3. Are there any plans to (a) remove invasive weeds, plants and trees, and replace them with native plants and trees and (b) provide signposting and information about sites of significance to the Aboriginal people.
4. Has the Government consulted with Park users about future investments in the Park; if not, does the Minister have any plans to do so.
5. Can the Minister advise, for the last five financial years, how many contacts have been made in relation to issues in or about the Park through Fix My Street, contact with a directorate, contact with a Minister, Access Canberra general enquiries, feedback and complaints contact points, or any other feedback mechanism.
6. What are the top ten themes or issues identified in the requests referred to in part (5).

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

1. Umbagong District Park has a Land Use Zoning of PRZ1: Urban Open Space, Overlay Zone Pe: Urban Open Space, under the Territory Plan. There is an area of the park listed on the ACT Heritage Register.
2. (a) Maintenance activities associated with public land are detailed on the city services website (<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/public-land/maintenance>), with examples including grass mowing, removing litter, graffiti removal. In addition, activities such as servicing barbeques and playgrounds are generally dependant on the hierarchy of the park with district parks receiving more regular servicing when compared to smaller neighbourhood parks.
(b) Prior to the 2024 election, ACT Labor released their Belconnen Regional Plan which details its commitments for Umbagong District Park upgrades. Upgrades will be undertaken in consultation with the community, including park users.



3. (a) City Presentation works with the local volunteer group, Umbagong Landcare and the Ginninderra Catchment Group, to target selected weeds and protect areas with high conservation value. In addition to this, certain weeds are treated as part of regular environmental and amenity weed control programs.
(b) The Umbagong Grinding Groves are included in the ACT Heritage Register. ACT Heritage is considering opportunities to include its story in the ACT Government's Canberra Tracks network of onsite signs and digital content.
4. Refer to response to 2(b).
5. Over the last five financial years there have been 93 Fix My Street contacts, seven Access Canberra contacts and 29 contacts through the relevant Ministers' offices regarding Umbagong Park.
6. There were not enough categories to provide a top 10, so the top five issues were:
 - Footbridges.
 - Stepping stones.
 - Motorbikes being ridden in the park.
 - Graffiti.
 - Dumped trolleys.

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