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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 7

Friday, 16 May 2025

Question No. 438

MS BARRY: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

1. Can the Minister advise why a Fix My Street request (AC-00994201) lodged by a constituent on 15 November 2024, is still recorded on the system as “Unassigned”.
2. What plans does your Government have to remediate older roads infrastructure to meet accessibility standards, given the report referred to in part (1) refers to the fact that a traffic island at the intersection of Castieu Street and Kingsford Smith Drive is not pedestrian or mobility device accessible.
3. Is the Minister concerned that young children and people using mobility devices are placed at risk by this old and inappropriate infrastructure.
4. Can the Minister advise the number of accidents and incidents at the intersection referred to in part (2), over the last 20 years, which may have been impacted by pedestrians or those using mobility devices struggling to cross this inappropriate facility.
5. Given that people of the electorate have been calling for these old inappropriate traffic islands to be modernised, when will the Minister take appropriation action to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

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

1. The request has been added to the Register of Improvements and will be assessed alongside other competing priorities. The “Unassigned” status in the system was due to an unfortunate administrative error. TCCS has since responded to the constituent.
2. ACT Government manages more than 3,800km of path network developed over many decades to the design standards of the era in which they were built. Work is underway to better connect the path network and improve the surface of the existing paths. This is a significant undertaking through a process that involves assessing and prioritising to ensure those with the most benefit to the community are delivered first. The ACT Government focuses on addressing safety hazards in targeted locations, and the average budget for providing this works is around \$5.5million/year.



The aim is to provide a holistic and integrated approach with an ongoing inspection program, inhouse capacity to deliver works and the development of an annual program of path renewal works for the strategic path network.

3. Refer to response 2.
4. An analysis of 20-year crash data at this intersection indicates there have been no reported crashes involving pedestrians, cyclists or those using mobility devices.
5. ACT Government also manages intersection improvement through variety of programs for intersection safety improvements. There are 125 'seagull' intersections with a traffic island in the middle of the road, of which 101 are similar to the intersection of Castieu Street and Kingsford Smith Drive. A comprehensive study of each of these intersections considering the crash data, volume, usage and accessibility will need to be undertaken to determine the priority of interventions using a holistic and integrated approach.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


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Minister for City and Government Services

Date:

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