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Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Questions on Notice Paper No 3 Friday, 7 March 2025 Question No. 166

MR CAIN: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

- What specific milestones and performance indicators has the Government established to track progress towards the 30 percent tree canopy coverage goal, as outlined in the *Urban Forest* Strategy 2021–2045.
- 2. How will the Government address any potential shortfalls in meeting these targets.
- 3. How will the Government utilise high-resolution multi-spectral and thermal imagery, captured to establish a vegetation condition index, to prioritise tree maintenance activities.
- 4. What are the expected benefits of this innovative analytical tool for the overall health of Canberra's urban forest.
- 5. Why has tree planting exceeded the 2023–2024 annual target through budget efficiencies achieved by redirecting contractor planting funds to the in-house planting team.
- 6. What specific budget efficiencies were realised by shifting funds to the in-house planting team.
- 7. How does the Government plan to sustain these efficiencies while ensuring high-quality tree planting and maintenance.

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

- 1-4. This information is outlined in the 2024 Report to the Legislative Assembly on Urban Tree Canopy Coverage and the Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2045.
- 5-7. This information is provided in response to QON 165.

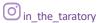
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