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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 —

1. 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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