

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 8

Friday, 27 June 2025

Question No. 477

Mr Thomas Emerson MLA: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

Will the Government consider expanding the ACT Free Plant Issue Scheme, which currently provides free plants to individuals setting up gardens on new blocks, to include free mulch, as is the case with councils in other jurisdictions, such as the Woollahra Municipal Council and the Inner West Council.

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

The ACT Government is committed to sustainably reusing and repurposing wood collected through its urban tree maintenance programs.

Mulch sourced from Canberra's urban tree maintenance program is currently stockpiled at regional ACT Government depots and provided free of charge to ACT Government agencies, community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations.

The draft Urban Wood Reuse Plan identifies opportunities to better utilise mulch sourced from the urban forest by:

- encouraging greater use of this mulch for ACT Government projects;
- providing more regular deliveries of mulch to community groups and non-for-profit organisations; and
- exploring opportunities to make the mulch available to the public on a cost recovery basis.

Consultation on this Plan is being undertaken. Stakeholder and community comments will be used to help shape the final Urban Wood Reuse Plan before it is released and implemented.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services

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