

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 16

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Question No. 882

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

1. How frequently or on what schedule does the tidying around light poles, street signs and similar objects with a whipper snipper occur in Richardson.
2. What are the assessment criteria for the tidying of streets using equipment like a whipper snipper.

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

1. There is no schedule for tidying around light poles, street signs and similar objects with a whipper snipper in Richardson or other suburbs.
2. Whipper snipping is used selectively and only when operationally necessary. The main criteria for undertaking whipper snipping on streets are:
 - a. **Safety requirements** – Whipper snipping is undertaken where vegetation presents as an immediate safety risk, such as line-of-sight obstructions at intersections, bends or driveways.
 - b. **Amenity considerations** – It may be used in high-visibility locations, such as shopping centres and town centres, where a higher level of presentation is required and resources allow. This is generally limited to areas with higher visual amenity value.
 - c. **Vegetation condition** – Whipper snipping is used when vegetation around obstacles (for example, signposts, guard rails or fences) has become too long or dense for chemical treatment to be effective. Chemical follow-up is then applied as required. This approach is not preferred, as it is more resource-intensive and not considered best practice.

Chemical control remains the preferred and primary method for managing vegetation around obstacles, and whipper snipping is used only in circumstances where it provides a more practical or immediate solution.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for City and Government Services

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