

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Straggly Vine on the Shade Structure**

**Questions:**

- 1. Minister, in May 2022 you admitted the vine on the Cavenagh Street Shade Structure is very straggly. When will you replace the straggly vine and what will you replace it with?**

Currently there are no plans to replace the existing vine. Trials are being undertaken to establish alternative species of vine to coexist with current species.

- 2. Do you have a budget for the anticipated costs associated with the shade structure in the year ahead? What cost are these?**

Budgeted costs for the maintenance of the shade structure in 2022-23 is in the order of \$90 000.

This funding allocation covers the established monthly maintenance regime. Works include vine maintenance and pruning, fertilising, and irrigation repairs as required.

- 3. Month after month goes by without any action, or public notice of when action will take place. Why are there delays and what are you waiting for?**

Monthly maintenance of the vine and structure is currently being undertaken, along with trials of alternative vine species.

- 4. When will the additional cooling and shading works throughout the Darwin CBD be completed and what is the budget for that work?**

Please redirect to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

**5. What is the total cumulative cost of the Cavenagh Street Shade Structure up to 30 June 2022?**

The Cavenagh Street Shade Structure forms part of a wider Heat Mitigation Trial in and on Cavenagh Street.

The following breakdown is for a project for 55m shade structure with lighting and vegetation to help cool the CBD:

- design and associated costs           \$215 082
- construction project costs           \$3 183 203

**6. What specific maintenance costs have there been for the past 6 months and the past 12 months, and how much were these costs?**

Expenditure for 2022-23 financial year as at 30 September 2022 is \$48 303 excluding GST.

Expenditure for the 2021-22 financial year was \$13 370 excluding GST.

**7. What are the future programmed costs over the next 12 months and 24 months?**

Anticipated expenditure for annual maintenance is \$100 000 per annum and includes works as described in the response to Question 2.

**8. Will new building approvals be required for changes to the structure shade covering, such as a solid roof being put in place?**

This would be subject to the extent of the modification.