

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

**Cavenagh Street Shade Structure**

- 1. Please provide the latest cumulative total and itemised breakdown of costs of maintaining and upgrading the Cavenagh Street Shade Structure.**

- a. Over the last 12 months**

As at 31 March 2024, expenditure was \$77,675.52.

- b. Over the last 24 months**

The expenditure in 2022-23 was \$155,302.61 for periodic maintenance requiring after hours closure of the road, and includes additional costs as a result of damage to the structure caused by an over height truck.

- 2. The growth of the vines has failed to improve. Please provide a breakdown of the maintenance cost in relation to the growth of the vines.**

Vine maintenance is included in the overall cost for maintenance.

- 3. Have you considered replacing the vines with another type of plant?**

Yes

- 4. Have you considered replacing the vines with a shade or hard cover?**

This has been considered but would require substantial reengineering.

- 5. Have you undertaken any reviews of the treated wood, which is deteriorating due to exposure to sun and water? If so, what is the outcome of the review?**

The timber battens are in their natural state and the greying of the timber is a natural effect of weathering.

- 6. Please provide a breakdown of the cumulative cost spent maintaining the treated wood on the shade structure.**

Timber maintenance is included in the overall cost for maintenance.

- 7. Please provide an itemised breakdown of the dehumidifying watering system.**

A dehumidifying watering system has never been installed at this project.

- 8. Is there any data showing the temperature under the structure since construction?**

No temperature data available.

- 9. It is reported that the periodic cost of maintenance for the shade structure is approximately \$4,500 per month. Is that still the cost? If not, what is the current cost? What is included in this charge? Can this cost be reduced in any way?**

See question 1a above for costs as at 31 March 2024. The estimated monthly spend includes supply and installation of mulch, pruning and removal of vegetation, weed control, a monthly irrigation audit and elevated work platform for training of the vines across the shade structure, and traffic control.