



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mark Parton MLA to the Minister for Transport and City Services:

Reference: Hearing on 31 October 2022, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

In relation to: Light Rail Stage 2A.

On Friday 28th October 2022, regarding the provision of the Federal Government's \$85.9m payment for Light Rail Stage 2A, Federal Government Officials advised a Senate Estimates hearings that the timeframe for the commencement of stage 2A was January 2024 and the completion of Stage 2A was January 2026.

(1) Did the ACT Government provide the information above (LRS2A - commence Jan 2024 and complete Jan 2026) to the Federal Government?

(2) What information was provided from the ACT Government to the Federal Government on when light Rail Stage 2A will commence and when it will finish?

(3) What is the estimate for when will Light Rail Stage 2A will commence and when will it be completed?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

(1) In the first half of 2021 the ACT Government provided indicative dates to the Federal Government in relation to high-level potential project milestones which supported the initial Federal funding commitment of \$132.5 million. The dates quoted by Federal Government Officials do not appear to exactly match dates presented by the ACT Government. Major Projects Canberra officials speculate that references to 'January' may be a default Federal Government system setting.

(2) Refer to response (1) above. Dates will be updated once the matters outlined in the response to (3) below have been resolved.

(3) The Light Rail Stage 2A (Alinga Street to Commonwealth Avenue) final delivery times will be subject to receiving Works Approval from the National Capital Authority, signing a contract with the ACT Government's delivery partner for the project, and the final agreed construction program for the project.

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Date:

17/11/22

By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA.