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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Special Minister of State

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In relation to: Bike and Bus hire at Stromlo Forest

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**MR CAIN:** I do; thank you, chair. So what is the current length of the contract arrangement with the provider of those mountain bikes at Stromlo Park?

**Mr Steel:** Sorry, which mountain bikes?

**MR CAIN:** The provider of the services, the operator of that business, what is the current contract for?

**Mr Steel:** Are you referring to the bus service?

**MR CAIN:** No. The trial bike providers. There is an operator out there who—maybe one of your officials noted—there is an operator who actually runs a business of hiring out bikes. I am interested in the term of contract.

**Mr Steel:** It is the ACT government that actually owns and manages the venue but certainly there are other businesses that operate from Stromlo Forest Park.

**MR CAIN:** Correct. So what is—

**Mr Steel:** But there are a range of businesses there, Mr Cain, so I appreciate we will try and get some information to you.

**MR CAIN:** What term, length of contract, contractual arrangements do these businesses have?

**Mr Bailey:** Daniel Bailey, Executive Group Manager, Economic Development, and I have read and acknowledge the privilege statement. So we have two different contracts out there at Stromlo Forest Park with The Handlebar who run the bar, and they also have a hire arrangement with some bikes. My understand is that contract expires end of next year, 2025.

**MR CAIN:** What is the length of that contract?

**Mr Bailey:** I may have to take that on notice, what the original term. We are in the extension part of the actual contract but I will take that on notice. There is another contract with Dynamic Motivation who run the bus hire who bus people up to the top of the mountain but I will also have to take on notice the contract term of that.

**MR CAIN:** So it is my understanding, minister, that these contractual arrangements are very short which creates uncertainty in terms of how much investment can be made to provide these important tourism and recreational services.

**Mr Steel:** I will take that as a comment.

**MR CAIN:** You will take on notice the terms and the length of those contracts.

**Mr Bailey:** Yes, we will provide those.

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

The Territory has an existing Licence with Garoja Berry Pty Ltd, who operate both the Handlebar Café and Cycle City Hire. This Licence had an initial term of five years, with one extension provision of a further two years. Garoja Berry are currently operating under this extension, which will end in August 2025, bringing their total onsite tenure to seven years.

The Territory also has a Services Agreement with Dynamic Motivation Pty Ltd, who provide onsite shuttle bus services. The current Services Agreement was executed in March 2023, with an initial Term of five years and will expire in March 2028. There is one extension provision of two years, should both parties wish to continue the arrangement at the end of the first Term.

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA