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**Inquiry into draft variation to the Territory Plan No 329 Weston Group Centre and Surrounding
Community and Leisure and Accommodation Land
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
20 November 2017**



Asked by **MS LE COUTEUR**:

In relation to: Bus Interchange

THE CHAIR: I want to go to page 44 in the draft master plan. We have two different bus hierarchies here. I appreciate that there has probably been more work done on the routes since that, but is there provision for something which resembles a bus interchange? It would appear that Weston is likely to have the intersection of a rapid route and suburban routes.

Mr Gentleman: I think that is work that the directorate is doing with TCCS as they move to plan for the future rapid networks across the ACT. Mr Ponton?

Mr Ponton: Keeping in mind, Ms Le Couteur, that this was a point in time, 2014—

THE CHAIR: Yes. I appreciate that this is unlikely to be what is actually happening, but I was wondering if you had done some more work.

Mr Ponton: Indeed. We continue to work very closely with our colleagues in Transport Canberra and City Services with the investment in light rail and the work that is being undertaken for light rail stage 2. Our colleagues in Transport Canberra and City Services will need to be continually thinking about the way the bus network will operate once the new infrastructure comes online. In addition to that, they will need to be thinking about how they reinvest those bus kilometres that would otherwise have been utilised where the light rail is occurring. That work is all underway. In terms of a specific as to what will be happening exactly in this location, I would have to take it on notice and confer further with our colleagues in Transport Canberra.

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The master plan proposes that Parkinson Street will become the main bus stop for the Weston Group Centre and proposes to integrate the route for Frequent Rapid transport in the future. Some services, including local services, are proposed to run from Brierly Street.

Transport Canberra is currently undertaking consultation to inform the design for Network 18, which will include the introduction of a Rapid Route that will run through Cooleman Court and other local services yet to be determined. Whilst the stopping patterns for these services have not been confirmed, it is likely that Transport Canberra buses will continue to use both Brierly Street and Parkinson Street stops in the near future. Transport Canberra will work with EPSDD on the continued development of the Weston Group Centre Master Plan to ensure that public transport connectivity for both Rapid and local services remains functional and accessible for the community.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman