



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mark Parton MLA:

Ref: Transport Canberra, Budget Statement H, page 35, table 18.

1. In January 2021 it was announced that negotiations were terminated with the preferred provider for the new ticketing system for Canberra's public transport as it was too expensive:
 - a. What company was the preferred provider and why were they selected;
 - b. How much was the preferred provider quoting for the project;
 - c. How much had already been spent on the project and how much of this is unrecoverable;
 - d. How much will the government have spent on this project by the time it is complete;
 - e. How much in terms of capital and recurrent expenditures have:
 - i. Been spent each year to date; and
 - ii. What is expected to be spent in capital and recurrent expenditures to deliver this capability into service for this year budget and the forward estimates?
 - f. If following the tender no bidders are able to meet the project for a lower price than the previously preferred provider, will the government continue with the project?

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

1.
 - a. A Confidentiality Deed, which remains current, was entered into by both parties precluding any discussion in relation to the single select process or parties involved.
 - b. See response to (a).
 - c. No expenditure has been recorded for the project as at 30 July 2021.
 - d. There is a budgeted capital component of \$37.946m available for this project. Government expects to secure a solution within the budget provided.
 - e.

- i. See response to (c). Existing TCCS resources have been used to manage the previous and current procurement processes.
- ii. See table below.

	2021-22 FY	2022-23 FY	2023-24 FY	2024-25 FY
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Maintenance of the ticketing System - Recurrent	3,295	3,353	3,411	3,480
Capital	500	18,923	18,523	

- f. Government expects to procure a solution within the budget provided.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature: 

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