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

Asked by Mr Smyth on Tuesday 25 June 2014: Mr Corbell took on notice the following question:

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In relation to :

The population density per hectare, if available, for examples held by the Minister of cities with populations of around quarter of a million with effective and extensive light rail networks.

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

Population density of Freiburg (Germany) is about 1,400 per sq km, Angers (France) urban density is 1,100 per sq km, however, Angers metro density is only 170 per sq km. In Australia, population density of Sydney is 380 per sq km, while population densities of Canberra and Melbourne is estimated around 430 per sq km. This highlights the measurement and methodological issues of population densities.

Although population density is a relevant factor for public transport, relating population density with public transport has to be treated with caution, because more often, the measurements and estimation are not uniform.

On the Gungahlin to City light rail corridor, there is already more than 40,000 people living and 60,000 jobs. Corresponding light rail corridor figures for Angers is 57,000 people and 21,000 jobs.

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By the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell MLA