



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2019

Asked by Ms Caroline Le Couteur:

In relation to: Local Service Data Associated With Weekend Network Changes

MS LE COUTEUR: Local versus rapids, is the question.

Mr Steel: Yes. Yes.

Ms Sturman: I think what I can say is that 70 per cent of our weekend travellers actually travel on the rapid services. So the lion's share were already travelling on those rapids. And that is why we made sure that we continued to offer them those. I do not know whether Peter has got any local service—I do not think we have got—

MS LE COUTEUR: You have not got any data on that?

Ms Sturman: —any information here. So we can take that and bring it back.

Mr Steel: I think we can take on notice the breakdown of how those change. I think, certainly what I have heard from the community with the change and the weekend services, is knowing that the rapids are more reliable, is they are coming back to them as well. So the rapids, since the change on 28 September, are actually carrying more people than they were before. and that might be partially in terms of change.

These people—we do not know, and we would like to do more work, is the people who are getting dropped off to those rapids to make that connection and they are using their bikes and they are walking.

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

The table below sets out the number of boardings on different kinds of Transport Canberra services on weekends and public holidays for the periods from:

- The commencement of the new integrated public transport on 29 April to 27 September 2019; and
- The commencement of the interim weekend timetable on 28 September 2019 to 17 November 2019.



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	29 April to 27 September 2019 (weekends and public holidays only)		28 September to 17 November 2019 (weekends and public holidays only)	
	Average boardings per day	Proportion of boardings	Average boardings per day	Proportion of boardings
Rapid services	16,302	72.27%	17,084	79.00%
Local bus and shuttle services	6,552	27.73%	4,542	21.00%

I am advised that based on a preliminary analysis, these figures appear to reflect a modest shift towards using other modes (such as walking, cycling or driving) to access Rapid services instead of local buses, rather than a reduction in the number of journeys made on public transport each weekend.

The overall number of journeys being made on public transport on weekends and public holidays in the months immediately before and after the introduction of the interim weekend timetable has remained similar, at between 30,000 and 35,000 journeys per weekend.

Additionally, the proportion of all journeys that do not include a transfer has increased slightly from 74% on weekends and public holidays from 29 April to 27 September 2019 to 75.8% on weekends and public holidays from 28 September to 17 November 2019. This means that the number of boardings per journeys on weekends has fallen slightly.

The number of public transport journeys made each weekend, since the introduction of the interim timetable, is around 16% higher than during the same period in 2018, reflecting the substantial improvements made to Canberra's public transport network on weekends.

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