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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by MS CLAY on 31 July 2023: Minister STEEL (Skills) took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Regarding the conversion of CIT campuses using gas to use electricity - CIT as an entity will make a bid through the normal government processes to convert their equipment over to electrification - can you provide details on the timeline or any further specific information?

MS CLAY: Thank you, Mr Parton. Minister, we have heard an update about CIT Woden being gas-free and I am wondering if you can tell me what the status is regarding gas and also electricity efficiency at all of the CIT campuses.

Mr Steel: I will hand over to Craig Jordan to provide some further detail there.

Mr Jordan: Thank you for the question. So we do have gas at our Fyshwick and our Reid campuses in particular. As part of government we are looking at the various projects that have been made available and bidding for future work to convert our gas to electric. So as far as opportunities or grants or funding becomes available, CIT will make appropriate bids for those for that work.

MS CLAY: Sure, so which ones are gas-free already? Woden—which campuses?

Mr Jordan: So Woden is going to be gas-free at the moment but Reid and Fyshwick currently have gas at the moment.

MS CLAY: Yes. Bruce?

Mr Jordan: And Bruce, sorry.

MS CLAY: Reid, Fyshwick and Bruce have gas?

Mr Jordan: Yes.

MS CLAY: Yes, great. And sorry, what was your plan with Bruce, Reid and Fyshwick?

Mr Jordan: So as the government announces various initiatives to electrification, CIT as an entity will make a bid through the normal government process to convert their equipment over to electrification.

MS CLAY: Yes, great. No timeline on that, it is just under development?

Mr Jordan: It is something we constantly look at. I would have to take that on notice to get specifics about what they are working because I do know other government directorates, EPSDD, have made some announcements in the future and I would have to have a look at those specifically.

MS CLAY: Take it on notice and if there is specific information, provide it, and if there is not, no harm, that is okay.

Mr Jordan: Yes, yes, I just need to emphasise, it is part of our budget process that we go through every year and we bid for normal business case.

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

The Canberra Institute of Technology reviews facilities and assets within its annual repair and maintenance cycle and have identified two assets to be converted from gas to electric in 2023. Work has commenced on the electrification of two gas assets within the horticulture training facilities at the Bruce Campus. CIT is currently undertaking a building condition audit across all campuses, which includes scoping gas heating conversion to electric heating.

CIT's gas assets have also been audited through the Electrification of Government Gas Assets Program (EoGGA), which is being managed by Major Projects Canberra. Four assets at the Bruce campus and one at the Fyshwick campus have been identified for inclusion in the 2023 – 2024 EoGGA program.

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By Minister for Skills, Chris Steel MLA