



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA

Reference: Hearing on 20 November 2023, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services 2022-2023

In relation to: Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate and projects

1. Page 147 of the TCCS Annual Report lists capital injections for several significant undrawn projects, totalling approximately \$30 Million;
  - a. What is the future bus network, with a total cost of \$2.6 Million?
  - b. What is the *Better buses to support the new bus network* project?
  - c. For the projects listed above, what are their deliverables?
2. The original value for the Woden Bus Depot augmentation was \$25.7 Million, it has now increased to \$55.8 Million. Why has the cost of this project doubled?
  - a. What is the breakdown of the costs associated with the increase?

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

1.
  - a. The Future Bus network project was a 2017/18 budget initiative for the Expansion of the Rapid Bus Network for the replacement of ageing vehicles.
  - b. The Better Buses project was a commitment made by Government to purchase 84 modern and fuel-efficient buses to improve accessibility and passenger comfort, increase reliability and lower maintenance costs on the new public transport network. The new buses will be added to the fleet on a rolling basis so that the ACT retains the flexibility to transition to emerging types of low-emissions vehicles as these become viable in the future.
  - c. The deliverables are as follows:
    - a) Expansion of the Rapid Bus Network provided new buses and affiliated internal components.
    - b) Modern and fuel-efficient buses to improve accessibility and passenger comfort.

2. The value of the project has increased due to the following:
- Expansion of Roofed Bus Shelter parking for 100 standard buses (60 previously);
  - Bus wash and refueling area;
  - Workshops with bus maintenance facilities and incorporating single story workshop administration and staff amenities;
  - Separate Operations building, bulk Diesel Fuel Storage; and
  - On-grade staff carparks.
- Costs associated with the scope adjustments, removal and disposal of unsuitable material and rocks during construction, unanticipated costs associated with service/utility relocations, project management, administration and contingencies increased the project cost to \$55.810 million. (Refer Breakdown below).

| <b>Woden Bus Depot (Budget) (ex GST)</b>                       | <b>\$55.81m</b> |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Breakdown</b>   | <b>Funded</b>   |
| Completed Works (Design, Demolition, Service Relocations etc.) | \$ 10.85        |
| Phase 2 Proposal (incl. approved variations)                   | \$ 39.16        |
| MPC Fees   | \$ 2.75         |
| Building Levy, TC/ICT Fees                                     | \$ 0.30         |
| Contingency (including allowance for BWIC1, Delay etc)         | \$ 2.75         |
| Project Forecast   | \$ 55.81        |

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