



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA:

In relation to: **CIT Woden Campus and Bus Interchange**

1. This budget has allocated \$240 million to the CIT Woden Campus and Bus Interchange project with a physical completion date of September 2024. What feasibility plans have you used to base these budgetary and completion dates on?
2. The incoming Minister's Brief referenced the release of an Expression of Interest (EOI) and industry briefing in November 2020 for contractors interested in submitting to the Public Transport Interchange design and Construct package.
  - i. Was the EOI released in November? If not, why not?
  - ii. When will it be released?
  - iii. How many contractors expressed an interest?
3. How many staff have been assigned to deliver this project from Major Projects Canberra?
  - i. What KPIs have been set for them?
  - ii. How are you ensuring these KPIs are met?
4. International student numbers are expected to decline by about 50 per cent this year. How do you expect the decline in international students to affect this project?
  - i. How are state border closures expected to affect CIT enrolments?
  - ii. Will this impact the financial viability of the project?
5. Will any of the facilities involved in these works be affected by the Cladding Rectification Project?

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

1. The timing of budget allocations for the project reflects information contained in the project's business case. The ACT Government announced it had approved the project's business case in 2020. That business case was supported by various third-party technical and commercial analysis procured by Major Projects Canberra (MPC).
2.
  - i. Yes, the EOI was released in November.
  - ii. The EOI was released on 10 November 2020.
  - iii. Three contractor groups submitted expressions of interest.



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3. As of 9 March 2021, the CIT Campus Woden Project team consists of 11 team members directly working under MPC, with recruitment continuing as we approach the construction delivery phase of the project.
- i. KPIs are set out in performance development plans for individual staff members. KPI's are tailored to the individual role and generally reflect broader project milestones.
  - ii. The project team undertakes regular reporting through its governance arrangements. Individuals are subject to usual ACTPS performance review mechanisms.
4. CIT is not forecasting a decline in International Students by 50% this year. CIT experienced a 19% decline in 2020, compared to the 2019 numbers, and CIT is forecasting a further 20% decline in 2021 from the 2020 figures.

International students only make up a small component of CIT's total student's numbers. In 2020 the number of International students at CIT was 682, this is 3.8% of CIT's total student population. As such, a relatively small decline in international students does not materially affect the modelling for CIT's student population at CIT Woden. Additionally, CIT's longer (3-5 year) forecast is that International Student numbers will increase and may return to pre COVID levels by the time the CIT Woden campus is open in 2025.

- i. State border closures caused some disruption to CIT's 2020 enrolments and also some CIT teachers who had delays in returning to teaching. Unless there is a change in current arrangements, it is not expected that State borders will have further or long-term impact on CIT enrolments.
  - ii. It is not expected that the current decline in International students, or the COVID State border closures will have any financial impact or viability on the CIT Woden project.
5. No.

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

Signature:

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