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QON No. 52

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

In relation to: Getting Off Gas

- 1) TCCS used over 52,000 megajoules of natural gas last year, more than in the previous year. Where is most of this gas being used and what is the plan to get off gas?

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

- 1) In 2019-20, Capital Linen Services was the highest consumer of gas with 71.6% of overall consumption for the Directorate, followed by Transport Canberra bus depots consuming 18.6%.

2019-20 recorded an increase in natural gas consumption (up 5.1%) compared with 2018-19, due to a billing issue that saw the Belconnen Bus depot accrue two billing cycles of gas use in 2019-20 which occurred in 2018-19. Decreases in gas were recorded in 2019-20 across numerous TCCS sites, including Capital Linen Services (down 0.5%), Belconnen Library (down 31.0%) and 255 Canberra Avenue (down 19.8%).

Initiatives to reduce gas in 2020-21 include a proposed upgrade to the heating ventilation and air conditioning system at the Tuggeranong Bus Depot. The upgrade will include installation of photovoltaic power and partial transition from the existing gas-fired boiler to a heat pump. Further emission saving opportunities will continue to be explored, including funding of projects through the Zero Emission Government Loan Fund where relevant.

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

Signature:

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