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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MR MARK PARTON MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Portfolio area, Page 59 Budget Paper H - Transport Canberra and Business Services

Hearing Date: 18 July 2023

In relation to: TCCS Accountability Indicators

Referring to the key statistics outlined on Page 59 of Budget Paper H.

- 1) Estimated outcome 2022-23 (a) Public transport boarding's –
 - a. Can the Minister please provide a further breakdown of the total boarding's total bus vs total light rail.
- 2) Total network operating cost per network kilometre (g).
 - a. Can the Minister please provide further breakdown how this number was produced? ie driver wages, bus maintenance, etc
- 3) Bus Service availability (a) of 99.5%.
 - a. Can the Minister please provide further breakdown how this percentage was produced considering the MyWay technology is rarely fully functional?
- 4) Bus Service punctuality (f) of 75%.
 - a. Can the Minister please provide further breakdown how this percentage was produced considering the MyWay technology is rarely fully functional. The footnote states only services that have a working MyWay machine are included, is this correct?
 - b. Therefore, could this statistic be regarded as highly inaccurate?
- 5) Please provide the cost per km to operate the tram service for the period of reporting. Noting the cost per km for bus is noted at \$5.88 (page 22 (e)).

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1)
 - a. There were approximately 14,025,589 boardings reported on buses and 3,747,706 boardings reported on light rail. These figures are slightly higher than the estimated 17.6 million boardings reported in the budget papers, which was an estimate informed by mid-year accountability indicator boardings reported to 31 December 2022.
- 2)
 - a. This figure is calculated based on the total Transport Canberra Operation operating cost less the flexible transport service and charter services divided by the kilometres travelled for the period.

- 3)
- a. Vehicle trips are matched to scheduled trip data to provide the availability accountability indicator figure. In the instance where data cannot be matched to a service, this is not included. As a result, bus availability reporting provides a conservative indication of bus availability because only performed trips that be validly matched with the schedule trips contribute to the availability accountability indicator figure.
- 4)
- a. Punctuality is measured against the departure times from every 'timing point' bus stop except for the last stop where it is measured against the arrival time with on time punctuality measured as between 1 minute early and 4 minutes late. Actual vehicle trip details are then matched to scheduled trips timetable information. This data is then compared to the scheduled arrival/departure time for each timing stop to determine the punctuality performance. In the instance where data cannot be matched to a service, this is not included.
 - b. See response above.
- 5) Transport Canberra do not include this as part of the KPI as the Light Rail payment includes the repayment for the Light Rail infrastructure.

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