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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

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In relation to: Payment and delivery schedule for electric buses

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MS CLAY: So in the '23-24 midyear budget review the bus procurement payments were scheduled under the title of, "Better title infrastructure; improving our bus network." But in this budget which is just 5 months later, so 5 months since February, you have pushed back a number of the payments to later years.

So it looks like as recently as this year the goals and the procurement targets we have set have been pushed back again. What happened since February this year that led to those procurements getting pushed back, those payments getting pushed back?

Mr McHugh: I am not aware of anything in particular that has affected the delivery of those vehicles as per the contract that may have impacted that. I think you are suggesting a re-profiling of funding from the midyear budget to this budget. I would have to have a look at that in detail and come back to you on that.

MS CLAY: Can you take that on notice to go and look at the midyear budget review and the world as it is today and tell me if there is any difference in delivery versus what we said in that midyear budget review and then provide an explanation as to why that difference is the case or there is no difference and we have misread the budget papers?

Mr McHugh: I suspect it may be related to a payment schedule process rather than a bus delivery process but I will take that on notice and give you that info.

MS CLAY: I do not know what a payment schedule process is so if that is the answer you will have to explain it in long form.

Mr Steel: Well, I guess there is a difference between when payment is due and when the actual product is delivered. The two do not necessarily align all the time.

MS CLAY: Sure, that is fine. I think an explanation for difference on the papers would be fine but also whether that leads to a difference in when we get the bus on the road and, if so, why that is.

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

Funds to support the procurement and delivery of 90 battery electric buses was originally budgeted across three financial years from 2023-24 to 2025-26. The contract has buses being delivered up to December 2026, thus requiring funding to be profiled into 2026-27 to allow for final payments to be made during this financial year.

The delivery of the 90 battery electric buses remains on schedule.

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By the Minister for Transport, Chris Steel MLA