



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

Reference: Electric bus acquisition

Hearing: 19 November 2025

In relation to: Sovereign control of Yutong buses

Question received: 27 November 2025

Answer Due: 04 December 2025

Media reporting has identified potential issues with buses manufactured by Yutong, such that the manufacturer could under direction from a foreign government issue a mandatory software update to bus battery systems which effectively disables the bus fleet. Media reporting has also indicated that the ACT Government is making investigations into this issue.

In the interests of confidence, what is the nature and status of these investigations?

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

Transport Canberra contacted VDI Australia, the local distributor of Yutong buses, after concerns were raised in relation to bus model (IC12E) that is operated in Europe. Transport Canberra was advised by the supplier that the bus model referenced in Europe is not supplied in Australia. In addition, the 'Over the Air Updates' (OTA) is disabled on the current Yutong fleet operated by Transport Canberra, having never been enabled. Software updates are performed by Transport Canberra within a controlled environment. The ACT Government has mature vulnerability management processes in place across technology platforms. Transport Canberra and Digital Canberra will continue to monitor this matter.

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

Signature:

By the Minister for Transport, Mr Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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