



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mark Parton MLA:

Ref: Transport Canberra, Budget Statement H, ACTION bus services generally.

1. In relation to the ACTION bus service fleet owned by the ACT Government, for 2019-20 actuals, the 2020-21 estimated actual, the 2021-22 Budget, and for each year across the Forward Estimates, what were, or what is the forecast for:
  - a. Number of vehicles at the beginning of each financial year;
  - b. Number of vehicles withdrawn from the fleet;
  - c. Number of new vehicles added to the fleet; and
  - d. Average annual number available for public transport services?
2. In relation to 1. above, for each year, what was, or is the expected number of:
  - a. Electric vehicles in the government owned fleet; and
  - b. Other types of Zero Emission Vehicles?
3. In relation to the bus service fleet leased or rented by the ACT Government, for 2019-20 actuals, the 2020-21 estimated actual, the 2021-22 Budget, and for each year across the Forward Estimates, what were, or what is forecast for the:
  - a. Number of vehicles leased or rented on a regular or permanent basis; and
  - b. Number of vehicles leased or rented on a short term or irregular basis?
4. Will the government mandate that leased vehicles must be zero emission vehicles; and
  - a. When would the Minister expect to mandate the zero-emission requirement on businesses from whom leased vehicles are obtained?

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

1.
  - a. Number of vehicles 1 July 2020 – 457.  
Number of vehicles 1 July 2021 – 455.  
It is expected that the aggregate number of buses will remain consistent in each year of the estimates, however the exact amount is dependent upon procurement outcomes. It is expected that 127 vehicles will be added to the fleet by the end of 2024 and that the fleet number will increase by 3 to 458.

- b. Number of vehicles withdrawn from the fleet 2019-20 is 35.  
Number of vehicles withdrawn from the fleet 2020-21 is 7.  
  
Predicted Number of vehicles to be withdrawn from the fleet in 2021-22 is 34.  
Predicted number of vehicles to be withdrawn from the fleet in 2022-23 is 25.  
Predicted number of vehicles to be withdrawn from the fleet in 2023-24 – 25.
- c. Number of vehicles added to the fleet in 2019-20 was 35.  
Number of vehicles added to the fleet in 2020-21 was 5.  
It is expected that an aggregate of 127 buses will be added to the fleet by the end of 2024, however the exact amount added each year is subject to procurement outcomes. We expect that 37 leased buses will be delivered by the end of the 2021-22 financial year.
- d. Average number of vehicles available for service in 2019-2022 is 457.  
We expect this number to remain consistent at 1 July of each year of the forward years, however this is subject to procurement outcomes

2.

- a. Government owned: 20-21 – 0; The number of electric vehicles in the government owned fleet for 21-22 and over the forward estimates is subject to procurement outcomes.
- b. Other types of Zero Emission Vehicles; 1 July 2020 – 0, 1 July 2021 – 0, 1 July 2022 – (predicted) – 0. Other types of zero emission vehicles 1 July 2023 – 0. Other types of zero emission vehicles 1 July 2024 – 0.

3.

- a. Number of vehicles leased or rented on a regular or permanent basis.  
  
For the regular bus fleet; 1 July 2020 – 0; 1 July 2021 – 0; Predicted 1 July 2022 37; Predicted 1 July 2023 – 37; Predicted 1 July 2024 – 37.  
  
*Note: Transport Canberra, on behalf of the Government operates additional mini buses as part of Special Needs Transport, Flexible Transport fleet, Community bus fleet and ATSI Transport buses: There are currently 26 vehicles leased to perform this mix of services. These buses are not part of the regular bus fleet and as such are not included in the numbers above.*
- b. Number of vehicles leased or rented on a short term or irregular basis;  
1 July 2020 – 1; 1 July 2021 – 0; Predicted 1 July 2022 0; Predicted 1 July 2023 – 0; Predicted 1 July 2024 – 0.

4.

- a. The Government has mandated all bus fleet vehicles purchased from 2025 to be zero emission vehicles.

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