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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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## **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**04 March 2022**

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Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA on 4 March 2022, Mr Chris Steel MLA took on notice the following question(s):

**MR PARTON:** Yes. Look, and I appreciate that, Mr Edghill, and so yes, if you could take that on notice what will the hourly maximum capacity of light rail services from Woden to Civic be, so we are only talking in the one direction, but additionally, what I would like to know is what is the maximum hourly capacity of the full timetable bus services from Woden to Civic? And so I guess what I am talking about is pre-COVID and when we look at the capacity of those vehicles and that timetable, I would like to know what that figure is. And you know, I guess once we get those figures, we can all have a look at the expected capacity difference.

**Mr Steel:** Well, I think the other important point is that the two are not separate systems. It is one integrated system that will work together and operational planning will be undertaken on the integration later, in future years, ahead of the light rail stage 2 alignment being operational. That will support the number of journeys that need to be taken by customers and that is buses and light rail working together with other modes of transport to support people to get where they need to go. So it is—

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

Light rail to Woden is intended to operate as part of an integrated public transport network. This means that bus and light rail services will operate in an integrated way so that Canberrans can get where they need to go quickly and easily. When light rail to Woden is operational, it is intended that some route buses will continue to travel along the corridor or comparable routes, depending on their point of origin and destination. A decision will be made on the optimum network structure prior to the commencement of light rail to Woden.

Transport Canberra currently operates two Rapid bus services between Woden and the City along Adelaide Avenue that are equivalent to the direct services to be offered by light rail. These services are the Rapid services 4 & 5.

Under a 'full' / pre-COVID timetable, the following maximum hourly capacities are possible on the rapid services between Woden and the City:

Route	Services per hour (peak period)	Average bus capacity (licenced for standing / sitting)	Maximum hourly capacity (passengers / hour)
4	12	105	1,260
5	7	105	735
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,995</b>

Note that the answer to PTCS QoN No.1 provided by MPC indicated that the light rail system is expected to have carrying capacity for 2,484 passengers per hour under a base case delivery assumption involving peak 5 minute headway services. This could be increased further if headway times were shortened to provide more frequent services.

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