



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

Reference: Easty Street Bus Layover

Hearing: 19 November 2025

In relation to: Easty Street Bus Layover

Question received: 27 November 2025

Answer Due: 04 December 2025

On Tuesday 18 November, you said that the Easty Street bus layover was necessary to provide additional capacity during the construction works for the Woden Bus Depot and the Woden Bus Interchange. You also said that some buses are now able to layover at the Woden Bus Depot, and that buses will continue to run along Easty Street and use the Easty Street bus layover after the construction of the Bus Interchange is complete.

1. Why will the Easty Street bus layover still be required once construction is completed on the Woden Bus Interchange, given the layover capacity now available at the Woden Bus Depot and Phillip Oval?

On Tuesday 18 November, you said that the 2015 Woden Town Centre Master Plan included Easty Street as part of the public transport infrastructure. There is no mention of this use of Easty Street in that document, however it does note that Easty Street should have traffic calming introduced 'to discourage through traffic and improve pedestrian and cycle connections between the centre and Eddison Park. This could include reducing the width of the street road reserve'.

2. Is the continued use of Easty Street for bus movements and a bus layover consistent with the Woden Town Centre Master Plan?

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

1. The Easty Street layover will continue to be required to provide operational flexibility and sufficient capacity for peak periods. While the Woden Bus Depot offers some layover space, the location is not always practical for all services due to scheduling, distance from the interchange, and the need to maintain efficient connections for passengers. Easty Street remains strategically located adjacent to the interchange, allowing buses to layover close to

passenger boarding points, which supports reliable service delivery and minimises dead running.

2. Yes. While the 2015 Woden Town Centre Master Plan does not explicitly reference a bus layover on Easty Street, it identifies the importance of integrating public transport infrastructure within the town centre. The continued use of Easty Street for bus operations aligns with this objective by supporting efficient public transport services. Traffic calming measures and improved pedestrian and cycle connections can still be implemented alongside bus operations to meet the broader goals of the Master Plan.

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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