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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
MS TARA CHEYNE MLA (CHAIR), CANDICE BURCH MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JAMES MILLIGAN MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: To ask the Minister for Roads and Active Travel

Ref: Transport Canberra and City Services Annual Report 2018-2019 Volume 1, Roads ACT

In relation to:

The counting down of traffic lights is a popular addition at intersections in other jurisdictions. Has the ACT investigated installing this? If yes, can you please provide an update. If no, why not? Are there any challenges to installing this?

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

In jurisdictions where the traffic signal phasing is fixed, the countdown timers can be used to provide accurate information to road users on the phasing sequence.

The ACT uses an adaptive traffic signal technology (SCATS) which optimises the green time movement for every traffic cycle phase, based on the demand picked up through inbuilt detectors. Hence counting down each phase could result in sudden change in phasing, which would be difficult to display and potentially confusing to road users.

Transport Canberra and City Services is currently investigating the impact of pedestrian countdown timers in other jurisdictions, to obtain advice on compatibility with the SCATS traffic signals operating system.

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

Signature:

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Date:

3/12/19

By the Minister for Roads and Active Travel, Mr Chris Steel MLA