



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

Asked by Jo Clay MLA on 18 October 2021: Duncan Edghill took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: So I might just get a yes/no confirmation. I think you said that all of the major projects over \$10 million have an ISCA rating, is that correct?

Mr Edghill: All of them have a rating which is most relevant to the project. So there may be instances where, yes, the green star makes sense but there may be other projects where a different accredited—but essentially, yes, everything over \$10 million has a green star or some other rating.

THE CHAIR: Great, and I will just reconfirm that light rail in stage 1 you already accounted for embedded emissions?

Mr Edghill: That was—I need to take that on notice but my understanding is that it was something looked at as part of the ISCA process that we went through.

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

Each of the major projects directly delivered by Major Projects Canberra will have an independent sustainability rating such as an Infrastructure Sustainability rating from the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA), or a Greenstar rating from the Green Building Council of Australia or equivalent.

The ISCA rating undertaken as part of the Light Rail Stage 1 project included a tool for reporting and calculating the embedded emissions from materials used in the construction of the Light Rail, including; concrete, steel, asphalt, aggregates, piping etc. As part of the ISCA rating process the total quantum of materials and the corresponding embodied emissions from these construction materials were recorded in the Infrastructure Sustainability rating submission.

On the basis of this accounting, the Light Rail Stage 1 project achieved a 'Leading' ISCA rating.

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

