



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, page 4, table 1 on FTE levels for Transport Canberra Operations.

1. Within the Transport Canberra Operations staff figures, for each of the four years shown in that table, what were the:
 - a. Actual headcount numbers as at the first of July for ACTION bus drivers;
 - b. Actual numbers of departures or terminations from the bus driver workforce through the course of each year in table 1;
 - c. Actual numbers of new staff brought onto the workforce; and
 - d. Actual numbers as at 30 June for each year shown in in table 1?
2. In relation to the bus driver workforce contained in table 1 FTE figures at page 4:
 - a. What is the FTE for each year presented in that Table; and
 - b. What is the projected FTE for each year of the Forward Estimates?
3. In relation to the bus driver workforce, for each month in 2021 to 31 October, what were:
 - a. Actual number of staff on the payroll in terms of full-time, part-time and casual (or other categories) of staff;
 - b. Numbers of staff in each category in a. above available for rostering for driver duties; and
 - c. The main reasons for unavailability for roster including COVID related illness or quarantine requirements

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

1.
 - a.

2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2021-22 FY
797	814	917

b.

2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2021-22 FY
68	69	N/A

c.

2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2021-22 FY
89	87	30

d.

2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2021-22 FY
813	930	N/A

2.

a.

2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2021-22 FY
Actual	Actual	Actual
665	732	N/A

b.

2021-22 FY	2022-23 FY	2023-24 FY	2023-24 FY
709	713	713	713

3.

a.

	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Casual	133	134	134	128	128	119	139	145	135	137
Full Time	528	527	513	538	509	536	543	538	545	542
Part Time	279	276	271	272	271	275	263	269	271	263
Total	940	937	921	938	908	930	945	952	951	942

The numbers shown are total drivers employed and not necessarily available as at any one time there are the normal annual leave, sickness and unavailable for other reasons.

- b. Due to the variable nature of our work and absences (planned and un-planned) Transport Canberra is unable to provide a monthly breakdown of available drivers, however, it takes 694 drivers per day (Monday - Friday) to deliver the regular school term timetable. *Noting most of our casual component of our workforce is not available to work at all times (Monday – Friday) as this is secondary employment.

- c. The main reasons for absences are annual leave, personal leave (which includes carers) and leisure leave. During August, September, and October, on average, Transport Canberra lost 208 days per month due to COVID related absenteeism, in comparison to the months January to July, where the average was just 1.5 days per month.

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