



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES

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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: TCCS Annual Report Page 31 - Priorities

In relation to: Bus Fleet Age

Many of the bus vehicle types have been on ACT roads for some time. In this regard:

1. What is the average age of the ACT bus fleet, and how does this compare with other States?
2. What plans does Transport Canberra have for modernising the whole fleet before it become far more difficult to keep on the road?
3. All the gas-powered vehicles in the bus fleet are dependent on a current certification:
 - a. How many gas-powered vehicles are on the road?
 - b. When will their gas tank certifications expire?
 - c. When will Transport Canberra take action to replace these and what funds have you earmarked for this purpose?
4. How many vehicles fall into each of the following age brackets:
 - a. Less than 5 years;
 - b. 6 to 10 years;
 - c. 11 to 15 years; and
 - d. More than 16 years?

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

1. The overall average age of the bus fleet is 11 years. Transport Canberra does not have data for the age of fleet in other states.
2. In 2020 Transport Canberra released the Zero-Emission Transition Plan, the plan details forward stages for the replacement of current and aging fleet. Considered in this strategy is the vehicles' remaining operational life.

3.

- a. There are currently 70 natural gas vehicles in operation.
- b. The tank life for each of these vehicles has a finite period of 20 years. The retirement of these vehicles will be undertaken prior to the expiration of the cylinder life (between 2022 – 2029).
- c. Transport Canberra will undertake the replacement of these vehicles as outlined in the Zero-Emission Transition Plan. The funds allocated to these vehicles will be provided as an outcome of the normal business case process.

4.

- a. There are 102 fleet vehicles that fall into this category.
- b. There are 129 fleet vehicles that fall into this category.
- c. There are 112 fleet vehicles that fall into this category.
- d. There are 108 fleet vehicles that fall into this category.

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Signature:



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