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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by: Ms Clay MLA

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In relation to: Staffing for new Woden bus depot

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MS CLAY: Minister, we just heard that the Woden bus diversity works at complete. Is that expected to be operational by December?

Mr Steel: So that is the high voltage electricity connection. But obviously, if you have driven past Woden Depot recently you would have seen that it is very close to completion. It is still on track to completion by the end of the year and operations to begin next year.

MS CLAY: So, complete this year, operational next year.

Mr Steel: Yes.

MS CLAY: How many staff will be based out there?

Mr McHugh: I might take that question on notice for the exact numbers. But there will be the capacity to operate up to 100 buses. So, you could calculate the number of drivers based on the capacity of the buses and then the workshops will be staffed based around those bus numbers as well. But we can provide some more exact figures on notice.

But generally, you know, you would be looking around to 200 to 250 bus drivers to service the 100 buses ultimately. Then generally, we work on one mechanic per 10 buses requirement. So, we have got some calculations around the number of mechanics and then it is all the support staff in between that manage both the daily operations and the management of the workshops.

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

The Woden depot has been designed to accommodate staff to support the operation of 100 buses. This includes up to 250 drivers, 20 fleet management staff including mechanics, and 20 administration and support staff who will operate in shifts, with only a portion of them being on site at any point in time.

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By the Minister for Transport, Chris Steel MLA