



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

Reference: Household Travel Survey

Hearing: 19 November 2025

In relation to: Plans for the next Household Travel Survey

Question received: 27 November 2025

Answer Due: 04 December 2025

Is the ACT Government able to confirm that it is planning to conduct a Household Travel Survey in 2027, consistent with the surveys conducted in 2017 and 2022?

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

The next household travel survey will be undertaken as required for the purpose of recalibrating the ACT Government's Canberra Strategic Transport Model.

Household travel surveys provide essential data on trip generation and travel patterns – where people go, why they travel, how they travel, and when they travel. This data is then used for recalibrating strategic transport models which provide transport planners with a tool to inform decisions about infrastructure and policy, such as developing new public transport, and planning future growth.

Household travel surveys are expensive (~\$1 million), and the ideal frequency depends on factors including available budget, and the rate of change that has occurred in the area to be surveyed. The 2022 ACT Household Travel Survey was important because it took place after the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in changes to when and how people travel including an increase in working from home. An upcoming change that may necessitate a household travel survey is completion of significant stages of Canberra's light rail (e.g. City to Woden).

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Signature: 

By the Minister for Transport, Mr Chris Steel MLA

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