



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 Ms Jo Clay MLA:

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In relation to: Better buses to support the new bus network.

Funding has been allocated for the next two financial years for "better buses to support the new network", but nothing after 22-23.

1. Is this funding for procurement of new buses? and;
2. If that's the case, why is there no expectation that we will continue to procure new zero emissions buses after FY 22-23?

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

1. The funding is for the procurement of new buses to replace the oldest vehicles in the Transport Canberra fleet with cleaner and lower emissions alternatives. This initiative was included in the 2019-20 ACT Budget.
2. When the 2019-20 budget provided funding for Transport Canberra to commence replacement of its oldest buses, an ongoing provision was also established to support the ACT's Zero Emissions Transition Plan which aims to transition to a fully zero emissions fleet by 2040. This replacement program is to be funded from the provision on a rolling annual basis to provide flexibility to adapt the Territory's purchasing approach as technology improves. Transport Canberra will present future business cases to Cabinet in order to access this provision from 2023-24 onwards.

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