



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 Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

Ref: City Services, Budget paper H, page number 38, output class 2.1 Roads and Infrastructure

In relation to: Line item “Connected and Sustainable Canberra – Constructing the William Hovell Drive duplication (ACT Contribution)” on p38.

William Hovell Drive noise study

A noise study on William Hovell Drive was conducted between 24 April – 5th May 2020. A notifiable instrument scoping document for the duplication was published in October 2020 calling for an updated noise study in section 8.2.5.

1. Has an updated noise study been commissioned as per section 8.2.5 of the William Hovell Drive Duplication Scoping Document 2020?
 - a. If so, has it already commenced and when between what dates were the noise studies conducted?
 - b. If not, when will it be commissioned?
 - i. In preparation for the noise study, is the ACT Government suggesting any dates for when the study should be conducted to the organisation that will run the study?
2. Were any noise monitors located behind any of the 33 identified sensitive receivers in Hawker?
 - a. If not, why not?
3. Was the government consulted by SMEC or have any influence on the placement of the noise monitors during the April-May 2020 study?
 - a. Did the government have to approve the placement of the noise monitors?
4. Did the government suggest to SMEC in anyway that the original noise study should be conducted between 24th April – 5th May 2020?
 - a. If so, why?
5. Does the government consider the date range between 24th April – 5th May 2020 to be “pre-covid”, even though many students and workers were still learning and working remotely?

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

1. An updated noise and vibration study will be provided as part of the revised EIS.
 - a. The noise and vibration study will be updated in due course as part of the revised EIS process.

- b. The date of when the noise and vibration study will be updated will be provided as part of the EIS process.
 - i. The timing to update the noise and vibration study is determined by the expert consultant who is qualified and experienced in these matters.
- 2. The location of noise monitoring was in accordance with the *Roads ACT Noise Management Guidelines (2018)*.
 - a. The location of noise monitoring was in accordance with the *Roads ACT Noise Management Guidelines (2018)*. Any matters which require further addressing will form part of the revised EIS process.
- 3. No. The noise and vibration study, including monitoring, was undertaken by an expert consultant who is qualified and experienced in these matters.
 - a. The noise and vibration study, including monitoring, was undertaken by an expert consultant who is qualified and experienced in accordance with the *Roads ACT Noise Management Guidelines (2018)*.
- 4. No. The noise and vibration study was undertaken as part of the project delivery.
 - a. The noise and vibration study, including monitoring, was undertaken by an expert consultant who is qualified and experienced in these matters.
- 5. I am advised that an allowance was made in the noise and vibration study for possible lower vehicle numbers. This matter is being confirmed as part of the revised EIS process.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:



Date:

8/11/21

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