



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Mr Sam Sachse, Acting General Manager, Evoenergy

In relation to: Evoenergy and Woden bus interchange works

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Mr Sam Sachse took on notice the following question(s):

MS CARRICK: I was down at the Woden Bus Interchange the other day and they said that it had taken three years, like in February it would be three years, and because of all the utilities that have had to go through there, so has Icon and Evoenergy had to put augmented or upgraded facilities through the road and bus interchange?

Mr Hezkial: I do not have any specific details at hand, but I would be absolutely amazed if it did not require augmentation of infrastructure. So typically, the most cost-efficient way of upgrading infrastructure is at the time when you are also doing other work, so you are avoiding that cost of digging things up. So typically, we will weigh up the option whether it makes economic sense for our customers to replace something opportunistically because something is happening now, even if there is some remaining service life on that infrastructure, but it is really on a case-by-case basis.

MS CARRICK: Are you able to take it on notice what works have been done through the new Woden Bus Interchange as it has been constructed?

Mr Hezkial: The Woden Interchange. Yes, happy to take that on notice.

MS CARRICK: That would be great.

Mr Hezkial: Evo.

MS CARRICK: And Evo too, like, what works have been done through there?

Mr Kerr: Yes, look certainly the Evoenergy has had to work with the ACT government because obviously the Woden bus interchange is very much focused on electric buses, so it is been a significant amount of additional electrical capacity that they have sought and it is required us to—on what we call an 11 kV feeder, which is

—an 11 kV feeder is the sort of thing that provides power for a suburb type—large levels of power, but that is what a large number of electric buses would require. So we did do an extensive project with them to bring that capacity to them. That project was completed I would say the middle of last year, I would have to check that for you in terms of the exact dates but that was completed a number of months ago.

MS CARRICK: Okay. Thank you. It is through the interchange because there is the depot but there is also the interchange that is still under construction, so—

Mr Kerr: It is where they charge the buses that we have brought the power to because that is where they need the power.

MS CARRICK: Yes, but did any augmentation go through that new interchange?

Mr Kerr: I would have to check the geographic route that the augmentation required, yes.

MS CARRICK: Yes, if you could take that on notice.

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Evoenergy has worked closely with the ACT Government and its contractor over the past three years to deliver electrical works that support construction of the Woden Bus Interchange. This has included:

1. Network relocations to enable Callum Street early works
2. Temporary connection for contractor site sheds
3. Temporary and permanent connections for the new Woden Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT)
4. Connection to the temporary Bus Interchange
5. Five new connections for street lighting and traffic signals required for the permanent Bus Interchange.

The first four items are complete, and four of the five lighting and traffic signal connections are also finished. The remaining supply to a new traffic light control cubicle for the permanent interchange is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2026.

Evoenergy has aligned all works with the contractor's construction program and is ready to complete the final connection as soon as the project reaches the required stage. Evoenergy has also recently been engaged to support network isolations needed for construction of a new water main.

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Signature:

Date: 28/11/2025

By Sam Sachse, Acting General Manager, Evoenergy