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Legislative Assembly for the **Australian Capital Territory**
Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mark Parton MLA

Addressed to: Anthony Haraldson

In relation to: Transport and Operating cost of Canberra metro contract

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Anthony Haraldson took on notice the following question(s):

MR PARTON: Can I ask, what is the total length of the contract for CMET to operate the stage 2A extension? And what is the cost per year of that contract?

Mr Haraldson: So 2038 is the concession period, is the contract. In line with stage one, the yearly costs of that to either come back today or take on notice, what they are for the operations.

MR PARTON: And will that increase annually like the contract for stage one? Could we expect that to be the case?

Mr Haraldson: So it is in line with stage 1 but there is a new, augmented and updated agreement that has been in place. So stage 2A is a construction design project. So the CMC—so Canberra Metro Constructions, they are undertaking the construction of the component. Then you have CMET who will operate the project. CMET managed, with Canberra Metro, the actual depot upgrades and also the vehicle purchases as part of the contract. When stage 2A becomes operational, it then augments with stage 1 and creates a new agreement, and that new agreement will have an additional cost for the servicing of stage 2A.

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

The average additional availability payment for Light Rail Stage 2A, excluding escalation, is $23.8m per annum.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Transport, Chris Steel