



Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Ed Cocks MLA on 13 November 2023: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: EV Charger Targets

MR COCKS: All right. Now, the Everyday Climate Choices website says that it is anticipated that 53 new public charging stations will be installed in the ACT. So were all 53 chargers that were identified there installed?

Mr Rattenbury: The intent is that all of them will be. What I can say is that the rollout has been a little slower than expected. Yes, the rollout has been a little slower than expected because operators have faced some unexpected challenges, finding viable locations. Each site requires negotiation with the land custodian and detailed assessment of available electrical capacity. So there have been some learnings as we have gone through that.

But as of 1 November this year, 23 of that group have now been installed. The rest are still contracted—

MR COCKS: Yes.

Mr Rattenbury: But they, as I said, they are a little behind schedule. We are working very closely with the operators, the installers, to iron out some of those challenges that they have faced.

And in terms of the next round of contracting, the government will take some lessons from the first round to improve that rollout process.

MR COCKS: Okay. And there appear to be two different targets. The government had a target to install 50 new public chargers by mid-2022. And in addition to that, the website—as we were talking about has a target of 53 publicly available chargers installed in 2022-23. Is there a crossover, an overlap, between those two targets? And yes, are you able to provide a breakdown of when the chargers were installed?

Mr Rattenbury: Let us take that one on notice, I think—

MR COCKS: Okay.

Mr Rattenbury: It is a fair question of detail—

MR COCKS: Yes.

Mr Rattenbury: —but let us make sure we give you an accurate answer and provide that later.

MR COCKS: Okay. But it does seem like things are a little bit behind schedule at the moment.

Mr Rattenbury: Certainly. Well, compared to what we had initially anticipated. But what I am pleased about is now having the 110 chargers across the ACT, we have certainly got a lot more coverage than we had even just 12 or 18 months ago.

MR COCKS: Yes—

Mr Rattenbury: We have really accelerated quite quickly.

MR COCKS: I appreciate that. But given the announcement that the ACT government will deliver 180 by 2025, and that number seems to only moved by 39 in one year, are you going to be able to deliver that full number?

Mr Rattenbury: We have a reasonably high level of confidence that we can. I think, as was touched on, the lessons that have been learned and the new approaches to rolling them out, I think the operators are also getting better at it. I mean that in the most polite possible way. It is a new technology, and I am quite confident that the rate of installation is accelerating, and that that target can be met.

MR COCKS: And just quickly, maybe just going back to the question on notice. Could you also just provide for each year since August 2020 how many public EV chargers have been installed by the government.

Mr Rattenbury: Do you want like a cumulative total or do you want sort of a number each year?

MR COCKS: I am comfortable with a number each year.

Mr Rattenbury: Sure, we can do that.

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In the 2020-21 ACT Budget, the Government committed \$1.3 million in grant funding to install at least 50 new public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The number of chargers expected to be delivered through this grant funding is now 53, due to the competitive grant round leading to funding going slightly further than anticipated. 40 charging bays have been installed as of November 2023, and the rest are anticipated to be delivered in the coming three months.

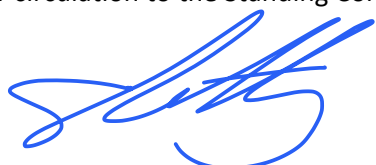
The ACT Government has supported the installation of both single and dual chargers. At some sites a dual charger (i.e. single charger with two cords) with the ability for two electric vehicles to be charged at the same time has been installed. This is dependent on the available space at the site.

The installations per year to date are provided in the table below.

Year	Number of chargers	Number of charging bays	Locations
2020/21	0	0	
2021/22	0	0	
2022/23	7	12	Hotel Realm, Dickson, Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong and Woden
2023/24	16	28	The Mint, Amaroo Shopping Centre, Kingsborough Village, Sentinel Apartments, Raiders Gungahlin and Weston Clubs, Croatian Club, Irish Club, Harmonie German Club
Total	23	40	

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