



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

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

Reference: Transport – City and Environment Directorate

Hearing: 24 July 2026

In relation to: Bus stops in Woden Town Centre

Question received: 3 August 2026

Answer Due: 10 August 2026

Minister Steel has advised that work is underway to restore bus services to the west side of the Woden Town Centre through a new stop on Melrose Drive or Corinna Street near the Woden Library.

- 1) Will this new stop be in place before the move of the Access Canberra shopfront to the Woden Library, to ensure accessibility to the area?
- 2) Which services will stop at this new bus stop?
- 3) Are there plans for any other new bus stops in or around the Woden Town Centre?
- 4) Has any consideration been given to a circular bus service around the Woden Town Centre, potentially connecting to Canberra Hospital, to improve accessibility and connectivity and reduce traffic congestion?
- 5) Are there any plans for new services along Melrose Drive, south of Hindmarsh Drive, to serve residents of Chifley, Pearce and Torrens?

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

- 1) At this stage, the bus stop design process has not yet commenced. As a result, Transport Canberra is unable to confirm a timeframe for delivery.
- 2) Once the stop is constructed, changes to the bus network will be required to reroute services through the area. Any future service changes would be subject to further planning and consultation.

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- 3) A potential new stop in the Corinna Street area remains under consideration. This is subject to further discussions with the relevant leaseholder and assessment of opportunities to accommodate bus operations safely and efficiently.
- 4) No, this has not been considered as a number of bus services connect the Canberra Hospital to the Woden Interchange including the R6, 60, 61, 72, 76, 77 and the 902.
- 5) There are currently no plans to introduce a bus route along Melrose Drive south of Hindmarsh Drive. Any future changes to services in the area would be considered as part of broader network planning and service reviews.

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Signature:



By the Minister for Transport, Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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