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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2018

Asked by Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA:

In relation to:

MS LE COUTEUR: Okay. I am a bit confused, because you have talked a lot about talking to ACTCOSS, which is a great thing to do, but I specifically talked about a Disability Reference Group, which was one of the parliamentary agreement items. So we do not have one? Is that what you are saying? You just talked to ACTCOSS?

Ms Sturman: There is a reference group as well. So that is—

MS LE COUTEUR: But you do not—but you are not consulting with it frequently then?

Ms Sturman: No, we have been consulting with them. So that is the group which consists of Guide Dogs Australia—and Ian can probably talk to a couple of other groups that are included in that. Yes, yes, we will take that one on notice. There have been other groups that have been involved in the discussion, so we have got stakeholder engagement information that we can provide.

Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Transport Canberra consults with the Disability Reference Group through the Office for Disability within the Community Services Directorate. We will continue to engage with this group in the process of setting up 'Confidence Days' where disability networks, social responsibility and special interest groups will be invited to try out the new network and interact with transport services - bus and light rail.

Over the course of community consultation on the new bus network, Transport Canberra consulted and engaged with Guide Dogs Australia, and Vision Impaired networks, Vision Australia, ACT Blind Society, Canberra Blind Society, People with Disabilities ACT and National Disability Services - wheelchair users in the ACT.

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By the Minister for Transport, Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA