



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mark Parton MLA:

Ref: Transport Canberra, Budget Statement H, pages 6 – 12 generally.

Budget Statement H, pages 6 – 12 discusses bus services in some detail and in this regard:

1. There are a number of new areas in Canberra that may have either a partial bus service or perhaps none as yet. In this regard, when will:
 - a. Residents of Whitlam have access to scheduled bus services considering the ongoing development of the area with many residences under construction;
 - b. Lawson residents finally have access to schedule bus services inside their suburb, rather than having to walk or cross the busy Ginninderra Drive or Baldwin Drive to gain access to services; and
 - c. The Ginninderry shuttle bus move to a full service and when will bus services commence to city or Belconnen instead of using a connection at Kippax?

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

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 - a. The 2021-22 Budget included an initiative to commence bus services in Whitlam – please refer to the 2021-22 Budget Outlook.
 - b. Transport Canberra is currently exploring options for the provision of bus services within Lawson in conjunction with the Suburban Land Authority.
 - c. The existing Ginninderry bus service is provided as part of a joint venture between the Ginninderry developer and the ACT Government. Transport Canberra regularly reviews patronage levels on the service to assess its popularity. As Ginninderry continues to develop, Transport Canberra will investigate the options for revised routing within the region (including its current connection to Kippax) and likely replace the small buses with regular size buses. However, the current level of residential development and the existing public transport uptake does not warrant a change to the existing services at this time.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA