



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mark Parton MLA:

Ref: ACT Auditor General's Report 8/2021

In relation to: Light Rail Stage 2 Business Cases

1. In relation to the recent Auditor-General's report on Light Rail Stage 2A, when is a revised business case in response to the Auditor's findings expected to be released?
2. In relation to Stage 2B, what progress has been made on a full business case for this phase of the project?
 - a. When is this document expected to be released?
 - b. Will the business case be clear on what costs and benefits are included and excluded deriving the preferred option?

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

1. Please see the ACT Government's Response to the ACT Auditor-General's Report No.8 of 2021 – Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A: Economic Analysis was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in December 2021.
2. The Light Rail Stage 2B project is at the early planning and scoping phase.
 - a. The timeframe of any business case or related material being released will depend on future decisions of Government.
 - b. Any business case for Light Rail Stage 2B will be developed in accordance with the Capital Framework and national guidance which requires the identification and quantification of costs and benefits across shortlisted options.

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