



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: Bike lanes on road shoulder

Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: Bike lanes on road shoulder

Question received: 21 November 2025

Answer Due: **28 November 2025**

Parkes Way, Caswell Drive, and the southern part of Gungahlin Drive, are 90kmph roads marked up with bike lanes on the shoulder. Cyclists wouldn't normally use this route for cycling since there is a separated path option in the area, and putting a bike path on a 90kmph road isn't compatible with Australian Standards which advise separating barriers in circumstances where a road speed exceeds 80kmph.

1. Why are those cycle lanes present on these 90kmph roads?
2. What is the Government's current thinking on the retention or removal of cycling lanes on the shoulder of 90kmph roads?
3. What signage exists, or could be put in place, to support cyclists making safer choices?
4. Is there any other supporting information that the Government can point to in better understanding the current circumstances?

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

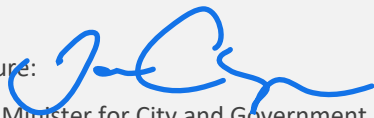
1. The additional cycle lanes were provided to support policy that was relevant at the time.
2. The appropriateness of cycling lanes on high-speed arterial roads will be reviewed as part of the current review of ACT's Municipal Infrastructure Standard 05 – Active travel facilities design (MIS 05).
3. Data for existing signage in the ACT is published on Data ACT, which includes a wide variety of active travel signage. MIS05 includes details for Active Travel Signage, with an intent to support cyclists making safe choices.

4. In the past, Urban Services (a previous name of part of the City and Environment Directorate) aimed to develop a comprehensive cycling network with the relevant policy of the time identifying that *'on road cycling lanes were provided as part of the arterial road network where it is reasonable and practicable to do'*.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Cyclists, motorists and pedestrians are all responsible for safe and courteous use of roads and paths. In addition to MIS 05, the ACT Government has published information to support cycling in Canberra on the City Services website at <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/walking-and-cycling/cycling>. This includes information to assist with journey planning so that cyclists can easily find off-road path alternatives to on-road cycling.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services

Signature:



Date:

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By the Minister for City and Government Services], Ms Tara Cheyne MLA