



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

In relation to: RSL Lifecare, Nearest Kaleen bus stop

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Mr Fitzgerald took on notice the following question(s):

MS CASTLEY: Very local question. And I believe your office may have received some correspondence about this. But RSL Lifecare on Ellenborough Street in Canberra, the Mona Tait Gardens, the closest bus stop is a five-minute walk. And I know some people have asked if it is possible to either have a bus stop at the RSL Lifecare. And I am just trying to understand is there an actual need, other than these constituents that are asking me to make this representation for you? Can we get an idea of people who catch that at that bus stop, to understand the need, and what are the options of getting a footpath rather than just people walking through the grass or through the back streets where there is no footpath?

Mr Steel: Footpaths would be Tara Cheyne.

MS CASTLEY: Yes, okay.

Mr Steel: But obviously important to get down to public transport stops. It is critical there is integration.

MS CASTLEY: Yes, because the request is that one is also at the driveway of the RSL Lifecare, as well as this one that is on Ellenborough already. I am just wondering how people get off and on. That might be a way for me to explain to my constituents?

Mr Steel: I will hand over to Bruce Fitzgerald to talk about what we would consider with bus stops and—

Mr Fitzgerald: So this stop in particular is—the RSL Lifecare is adjacent to a horse paddock. So it does not actually form a significant catchment area for the area. It is also the case that it is close to the underpass for the Gungahlin Drive. It makes that a particularly troubling area for pedestrians to

cross. So it is not, given that there is only a single flow to the sort of likely users of the stop, it would not be one that we would have, certainly in the short term, any plans to put a bus stop in at that location.

MS CASTLEY: Sure. And is it possible to get an understanding of how many people do access a bus from that stop? Do you keep that sort of data?

Mr Fitzgerald: Yes. We can access that data. There are some limitations to the data. But we will obviously have to caveat at this stage. But it is a heavily used bus stop for both local residents, also it services a number of schools as well.

MS CASTLEY: So can you take that on notice?

Mr Fitzgerald: Yes.

MS CASTLEY: Thank you.

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

The nearest bus stops to the RSL Lifecare Kaleen Building on Ellenborough Street are bus Stops 4820 and 4821 which are located between 250 and 350 metres along formal travel paths from the building. Patronage data for the bus stops is detailed below:

Average Weekday Passengers

	4820: Ellenborough St opposite Daintree Cr	4821: Ellenborough St before Maribyrnong Av
Origin passengers	28	16
Destination passengers	14	28

Average Weekend and Public Holiday Passengers

	4820: Ellenborough St opposite Daintree Cr	4821: Ellenborough St before Maribyrnong Av
Origin passengers	8	5
Destination passengers	4	5

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By the Minister for Transport, Tara Cheyne MLA

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