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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Mr Mark Parton MLA

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MR PARTON: Minister, I refer to the ACT invoice register, which at last update revealed that the ACT government has paid more than \$834 million to the Canberra Metro Trust. Now, this includes what looks like monthly payments of between five and six and a half million dollars.

Are you able to provide some information on what this invoice is seeking to pay the Canberra Metro Trust? What is the return on that payment.

Mr Steel: I will hand over to Anthony Haraldson for TCCS.

Mr Haraldson: Anthony Haraldson, Executive Branch Manager for Light Rail Operations, and I have read and understood the privileges statement. The invoice is prepared month for the Canberra Metro services is for the services of delivering Light Rail to Canberra.

MR PARTON: Is it possible—can anyone point us to the publicly available contract that these arrangements are stipulated under? Because we looked and looked and we could not find it. Is there anywhere where we can see that?

Mr Haraldson: There is a public text version of the contract on the contract website.

Mr Steel: We have published the information and the availability payments for light rail stage one quite a number of times, but we'll hand it over to the team, yes.

Mr Cahif: The stage one projects agreement with Canberra Metro is available on the public record at the contracts register. So we can certainly provide that detail on—

THE CHAIR: Through the link?

Mr Cahif: Yes, it is just the link. It appears on the contracts register.

MR PARTON: All right. Well, I am sure we will look and find it. Are you able to inform the committee, minister, on whether there has been an estimate of some kind of the total that ACT government expects to pay the Canberra Metro trust over the contract period?

Because given that the total paid to the trust at this stage is almost \$1 billion, with the majority of payments commencing just over five years ago. Can we expect that it will be in excess of \$10 billion?

Mr Cahif: So there is a publicly available contract summary that was developed and published following the signing of the contract. That gives a forecast on the spending.

In the question of whether it is nominal or real is a question of how you express the numbers. I can take on notice as to exactly what is in there.

MR PARTON: All right.

Mr Steel: There is an operating of maintenance component with the PPP contract. So there will be an ongoing cost over the contract term for that element.

Of course, we have already made as well as the—

Mr Cahif: The variations.

Mr Steel: As well as the variations that have been made for various parts of orientation of the line for 2A as well.

Mr Cahif: You will see—when we send through the link to the contracts register, you will see that there is also a contracts value that is attached to that, which will incorporate the variations that have been made, such as Sandford Street stop was a variation to that contract.

Ms Geraghty: We will also send the link to the contract summary.

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

The Light Rail Stage 1 contract is published on the Contracts Register at the following link:

<https://www.tenders.act.gov.au/contract/view?id=130871>

The Light Rail Stage 1 Contract Summary is available at the following link:

https://www.treasury.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1907711/Capital-Metro-Project-Summary.pdf

Contracts and payments to Canberra Metro and related consortium members and entities for light rail projects relate to:

- Light Rail Stage 1 (delivery phase, ongoing operations & maintenance payments and minor modifications);

- Light Rail Vehicle Procurement, Retrofit and Depot Expansion (including reimbursable costs) as a modification order issued under the Light Rail Stage 1 Project Agreement;
- Sandford Street Stop (including reimbursable costs) modification as a modification order issued under the Light Rail Stage 1 Project Agreement;
- Payments relating to the Early Contractor Involvement phase, including operator input into through the design development phase and associated reimbursable costs;
- Green Track Prototype; and
- Light Rail Stage 2A (in accordance with the Tripartite Deed, Head Construction Contract and Amended and Restated Project Agreement).

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8/8/24

By the Minister for Transport, Chris Steel MLA