



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

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

Reference: Transport – City and Environment Directorate

Hearing: 24 July 2026

In relation to: Cotter Road Services

Question received: 3 August 2026

Answer Due: 10 August 2026

- 1) When will dedicated bus lanes be implemented along the length of John Gorton Drive and Cotter Road to improve service reliability, noting that option 5 from the Cotter Road Traffic study received the highest score for 'Fit with future planning'?
- 2) Does the ACT government support the addition of bus stops on Cotter Road to connect the residents of the Amberfield site to the bus network as required under the government's Age-Friendly City policy?
- 3) The Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework indicates a potential modal interchange at Kent Street.
 - a) how will this work?
 - b) where will the buses stop?
 - c) how will passengers move between bus stops and the light rail platform?
 - d) is this potential modal interchange intended to provide services for people travelling from the Molonglo Valley to Barton and Parkes?
 - e) has any consideration been given to implementing a direct bus service connecting the Molonglo Valley to Barton and Parkes prior to the construction of light rail stage 2B.
 - f) If not, why not?

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

1) The City and Environment Directorate (CED) is further investigating next steps following the development of the Cotter Road Traffic study. At this stage a timeframe to implement dedicated bus lanes along the length of John Gorton Drive and Cotter Road is unknown.

2) As identified through ACT Government's response to petitions E-PET-043-25 and PET-059-25, CED would not support the installation of bus stops on Cotter Roads adjacent to the development unless a safe crossing facility can be provided by the lessee for Blocks 1151 and 864 Weston Creek. The petition response also includes further details regarding the Crown Lease for Blocks 1151 and 864 Weston Creek. Work is continuing with the lessee to identify options.

3)

- a) The Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework (the Framework) is a strategic planning document that is focused on establishing a long-term land use and transport vision for the Southern Gateway corridor. As a strategic vision-setting document it identifies potential future opportunities for change within the corridor. It does not determine the detailed design, operation or configuration of future transport infrastructure or services. The opportunities identified in the Framework would be subject to future decisions of government and further statutory planning, detailed planning and design processes.
- b) See 3 (a).
- c) See 3 (a).
- d) See 3 (a).
- e) See 3 (a).
- f) See 3 (a).

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature: 
By the Minister for Transport, Tara Cheyne MLA

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