



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: Local bus frequencies

Question received: 4 August 2026

Answer Due: 11 August 2026

A number of local services were reduced in the February timetable update from 30 minute to 40 minute frequencies

(1) why were these changes not separately announced nor any specific information provided at bus stops on affected routes.

(2) when will these services be restored to 30 minute frequencies.

(3) when will they be improved to 20-minute frequencies.

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

- 1) The February timetable update included a range of changes to across the bus network, including timetable adjustments to support reliability and better align services with available resources and patronage demand due to Commonwealth Avenue Bridgeworks. Transport Canberra communicated these changes through standard customer information channels and updated timetable information to reflect the revised schedules. As the timetable update involved network wide changes, Transport Canberra did not undertake specific announcements for each individual frequency adjustment. Timetable information at bus stops and web pages were updated to reflect the revised schedules, however, separate notices regarding frequency changes were not installed at all affected stops.
- 2) Transport Canberra regularly review network performance, customer demand and operational requirements as part of ongoing service planning. At present, no date has been set for the restoration of 30-minute frequencies on the affected local services. Any future service frequency improvements will be considered through future timetable planning and budget processes, taking into account available resources, workforce capacity and funding.

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- 3) The ACT Government has committed to improving local bus service frequencies across the network. The delivery and timing of future frequency enhancements will be considered through established planning and budget processes and will be subject to operational requirements, network priorities, resource availability and funding. There is currently no confirmed timeframe for increasing the affected local services to 20-minute frequencies.

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

Signature: 
By the Minister for Transport, Tara Cheyne MLA

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