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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA on 4 March 2022, Mr Ashley Cahif took on notice the following question(s):

MR PARTON: I do. And it is just about light rail generally. Minister, are you able to, in terms of our current light rail services, can you tell us whether the light rail stage 1 construction contractors have completed rectifying all of the faults and construction failures since light rail operation commenced and I can give you the only additional question I have got so that we do not have to sort of come backwards and forwards: are you able to tell us whether light rail stage 1 has a full operating certificate issued without any conditions by the Light Rail Safety Authority or is it operating with certain conditions that need to be met or rectified to allow the service to operate at this current date?

Mr Steel: I will hand over to Duncan Edghill to talk to the defects for light rail stage 1.

MR PARTON: If you need me to repeat any of that, Mr Edghill, I am quite happy to.

Mr Edghill: No, thank you and if I may, I just wanted to check with my colleagues in TCCS in case they wanted to answer. There is a shared responsibility of course, now that we are in operations in this field, so we work very, very closely with our colleagues in TCCS.

Ms Playford: Happy for you to start, Duncan, and Joe Dawson(?) [1.35.25] can assist if there is any further detail that is required.

Mr Edghill: Fantastic. On that basis, I will ask my colleague Ashley Cahif to kick off this answer please.

Mr Cahif: Thank you, Duncan. Ashley Cahif, I am the Project Director for Light Rail stage 2. I confirm that I have read and understood the privileges statement. Mr Parton, in response to your question, there are still deferred works on the stage 1 system, which is not unusual for a light rail system that is built. We will take on notice exactly an itemisation of what they are.

None of them affect the safe operation of the system and it was—and the ONRSR, being the Office of National Rail Safety Regulator, granted the certificate in order for operations to commence. I would have to take on notice whether there are any conditions—it is not unusual for ongoing conditions—and we can come back to you with that answer.

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

The Light Rail Stage 1 system received certification from the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator to commence operations ahead of the system entering into service in April 2019.

The following items were identified as outstanding at Final Completion of Light Rail Stage 1 and are in progress to be addressed by the construction contractors, Canberra Metro. Canberra Metro have confirmed these ongoing works do not impact the continued safe operation of the network.

Item	Fault/construction failure – Light Rail Stage 1 deferred works item	Status Impact and progress
1	Intermittent radio failure requiring base station reset.	Software update being finalised. Secondary handheld radios and tertiary EHP comms system provide redundancy.
2	Update to control centre alarms to notify of stop lighting issues	Testing and commissioning of software update.
3	Cockatoo damaged insulators on overhead wiring	Rolling replacement program with alternate product for damaged insulators.
4	Installation of missing waterproof tape on trackside wireless points	Works nearly completed.
5	Overhead wire accelerated wear in some locations.	Adjustments to tensioners implemented and being monitored. Overhead wire replacement may be planned to some sections prior to contract end to ensure handback asset life achieved.
6	Auditory hearing loops at some platforms not fully compliant to the project requirements. Customer signage in place to show the areas the hearing loops are operating.	Under investigation and mitigations to non-compliance are being developed.
7	CCTV retention onboard LRVs to 30 days requiring software change.	Software change implemented. Testing ongoing.

Canberra Metro Operations Pty Ltd (CMET) is accredited by the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) as both a rail infrastructure manager and rolling stock operator. The Notice of Accreditation issued by ONRSR to CMET only includes one active condition (as shown below).

Following recent updates to CMET's Safety Management System (SMS), CMET are due to propose the removal of this condition by submitting a Variation of Accreditation to ONRSR.

Schedule 3 Conditions and / or Restrictions	
Condition title	Particulars
Construction and Maintenance Condition	The Accredited Person must ensure that any works which may affect rail operations, being undertaken by Canberra Metro Construction (CMC) or any other contracted party, are undertaken in accordance with the Accredited Person's safety management systems and be appropriately managed and approved by the Accredited Person to ensure safety risks are managed, so far as is reasonably practicable.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA