



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: Bus services for Molonglo Valley

Question received: 03 August 2026

Answer Due: 10 August 2026

I understand that there are plans to introduce a rapid route connecting Molonglo Valley and Belconnen, once the new Molonglo River Bridge is opened.

- 1) When will this new service commence?
- 2) will this new service be an extension of the existing R10 route?
- 3) are there plans for rapid bus connections from Molonglo Valley to Cooleman Court and/or Woden?
- 4) what plans are there for other new services from the Molonglo Valley?
- 5) are there any plans for a direct service to the employment centres in Parkes and Barton, similar to the limited express 59 service from Woden?

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

1. A commencement date has not been confirmed.
2. The future Molonglo Rapid service is currently under development, and no final decision has been made on its route. Service options are being considered as part of ongoing planning, with further information to be provided through an upcoming community consultation process.
3. The current network provides connections between Molonglo Valley, Cooleman Court and Woden, and opportunities to improve journey times and connectivity will be considered as part of future network reviews. At this stage, no decision has been made to introduce a dedicated rapid service between Molonglo Valley and Cooleman Court and/or Woden.

4. Service performance, customer demand and growth across developing areas, including the Molonglo Valley are regularly reviewed. Future service changes will be considered through ongoing planning processes, considering population growth, operational requirements, funding and broader transport priorities.
5. Service planning and bus network reviews continuously consider customer demand, travel patterns and network efficiency. While there are currently no plans for a direct service between Molonglo Valley and Parkes or Barton, future service opportunities will continue to be assessed as the region grows and travel demand evolves.

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

Signature: 
By the Minister for Transport, Tara Cheyne MLA

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