



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mark Parton MLA to the Minister for Transport and City Services:

Reference: Hearing on 31 October 2022, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

In relation to: Light Rail Stage 2A reporting

Regarding the commencement of construction of Stage 2A, in the statement of performance on page 115 of the Annual Report, it is listed as construction to commence by 30th June 2022 and goes on to state that it has been achieved. However, the Chief Minister and Minister for Transport announced the commencement of construction in October 2022.

1) Why is there a discrepancy between the Annual Report stating that work commenced before 30th June 2022 and the Chief Minister announcing that work commenced in October 2022?

(2) On Page 120, the annual report states that \$69m has been spent so far on Stage 2 of the tram, which is a blow out of the \$59m that was predicted would be spent. Why has there been a blow out from \$59m to \$69m?

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

1) I refer the member to page 116 of the Annual Report. Footnote A explains that the milestone achievement of 30 June 2022 related to the physical relocation of utility services associated with the Raising London Circuit project. This work was required before the Raising London Circuit Main Works construction commenced in October 2022.

2) Respectfully, the question appears to reflect a mis-reading of the table on page 120 of the Annual Report. The \$59 million amount referred to in the table relates to prior year expenditure. The \$69 million figure relates to current year expenditure. There are different expenditure figures across all projects from year to year.

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