



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 20 November 2023: Mr Ben McHugh took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Bus network operating cost

MR CAIN: Thank you. And just a final. On page 309 of the annual report, it states that:

The 20 per cent increase in the total network operating cost per network kilometre is due in part to the additional cost incurred as part of the introduction of the zero-emissions bus fleet.

What do these costs relate to exactly?

Mr McHugh: Exactly, I probably could not answer that right now without taking that on notice but generally the cost associated with the preparation for having them on site so the additional costs with getting infrastructure ready in the depots.

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

The additional cost incurred in 2022-23 relating to the zero-emission bus fleet is the lease payments for the electric buses and charging equipment. Historically buses have been purchased and capitalised.

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