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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by James Milligan MLA -

Ref: CMTEDD Annual Report, Output 8.1, Infrastructure, Finance and Capital Works

In relation to: Light Rail – Stage 1

1. When did IFCW first become aware of the quality issues, such as but not limited to, potential failure to meet accreditation and concrete having to be repoured?
 - a. How did this affect the contract management?
2. What actions were taken when it became clear that the project would miss its deadlines?
3. How do these problems affect Canberra Metro's participation in Light Rail Stage 2?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Infrastructure Finance and Capital Works were not responsible for the contract management of Light Rail Stage 1. This responsibility sat with Transport Canberra and City Services prior to 1 July 2019. Light Rail Stage 1 delivery responsibilities transferred to Major Projects Canberra on 1 July 2019.

Monitoring of quality matters and, where necessary rectification of work, occurred from the commencement of construction to operations starting. This is a normal part of large, complex projects and demonstrates appropriate processes and contractual provisions were in place throughout the project's construction phase.

2. Transport Canberra and City Services worked collaboratively with Canberra Metro to ensure the works were delivered in a safe and timely manner. Availability payments were not made to Canberra Metro prior to operations commencing.
3. The ACT Government is very pleased with the popularity and operations of Light Rail Stage 1, with patronage numbers already reaching 2021 forecasts. The ACT Government is currently progressing a procurement process with Canberra Metro for Light Rail Stage 2A.

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By the Acting Treasurer, Yvette Berry MLA