



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Canberra Metro

In relation to a recent FOI MCPFOI2022/08, had multiple withheld documents in its schedule. Notably, it contained references to Light Rail Stage 2 Budget Business cases for the 20-21 and 21-22 financial years:

1. Has a similar business case been produced for the 22-23 financial year?
2. How substantial are the changes between the 22-23 financial year business case and the business case that the auditor-general had in their possession that they reviewed and had significant issues with?
3. Do the businesses cases for 20-21, 21-22 and 22-23 have cost benefit ratios? What are the cost benefits ratios for each of the three years listed? How much have the cost benefits ratios changed from previous calculations of cost benefit ratios?
4. What other major findings did each of the 20-21, 21-22 and 22-23 business cases have?
5. Referring to the most recent business case available, what year does the business case assume that stage 2A will be complete? What year has the most recent business case assumed that stage 2B will be complete?
6. Referring to the most recent business case available, how much has the business case assumed that stage 2A will cost? How much has the most recent business case assumed that stage 2B will cost?

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

1. A 2022-23 Budget Business Case was prepared for the release of provisioned funding for the delivery of Light Rail Stage 2A for the 2022-23 financial year.
2. I do not agree with the premise of the question. The limited areas of difference of opinion have been previously addressed in the ACT Government's response to the Auditor General's Report.

The referenced business cases serve different functions:

- a) The 2019 Project Business Case, which was the subject of the Auditor General's Inquiry, was for the purpose of making an investment decision in Light Rail Stage 2A, subject to final approvals of Cabinet once procurement outcomes are known. It covered the full delivery and operations of Stage 2A across a 30-year period.
  - b) The 2022-23 Budget Business Case is for the necessary annual appropriation to Major Projects Canberra (MPC) in the single financial year 2022-23 and provisions across the forward estimates to progress delivery of the Stage 2A Project.
3. No, not applicable. Those Budget Business Cases are for annual Major Projects Canberra appropriation relating to the project.
  4. Noting the question is subjective in any event, and consistent with the treatment of all other Budget Business Cases, the ACT Government does not propose to release details of the referenced Budget Business Case.
  5. The ACT Government does not propose to release such information ahead of the conclusion of relevant procurement processes.
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Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:



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