



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Mr Chris Steel MLA

Reference: Minister for Transport – Transport Canberra and City Services

**Hearing: 19 February 2025**

**In relation to: Free Public Transport**

**Question received: 21 February 2025**

**Answer Due: 28 February 2025**

1. Beyond the six-week fare-free period later this year as we transition to MyWay+, what is the ACT Government's position on introducing or trialling free public transport for all students and concession card holders?
2. Will the ACT Government undertake an analysis of the costs, benefits and distributional impact of targeted free public transport?

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

1. Since 6 December 2024, the ACT Government has been providing free travel on Fridays for all passengers across all Transport Canberra public transport services as part of a twelve month trial. This trial is in addition to a number of existing concessions available to eligible persons. Beyond these, the ACT Government does not have plans to introduce additional concessions or free public transport trials.
2. Transport Canberra will monitor patronage trends to assess the impact of the twelve month Fare Free Friday trial.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:

Date:

28/2/25

By the Minister for Transport, Mr Chris Steel MLA

