

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS
AND TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 FEBRUARY 2013**



MR COE - Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

Please provide further information about the incident on the ACTION Bus involving potential contamination as reported in the Canberra Times.

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The passengers that were aboard the bus at the time the bus was stopped in-service remained aboard the vehicle for approximately 15 minutes until the arrival of the Transport Officer. This was to minimise the risk of the passengers leaving the scene of the incident if there was an actual contamination.

The Transport Officer conducted an inspection of the bus and although finding nothing, calmly asked passengers to exit the bus so that their personal particulars could be collected and the bus returned to the depot for inspection and cleaning.

ACTION's investigation into the potential contamination incident has included:

- the collection and review of a report from the Transport Officer that spoke to the person who reported the potential contamination incident;
- the collection and review of a report from the Transport Officer that attended the bus.
- the thorough inspection and cleaning of the bus.
- the review of CCTV information from the bus involved.

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**Shane Rattenbury MLA
Minister for Territory and Municipal Services**

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MR COE- Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

In relation to the ACTION blood incident, she (the passenger) spoke to your office on Thursday, is that correct?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

My office was contacted on Friday 15 February 2013.



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MR COE- Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

When were passengers advised that there was no blood on the bus?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The two remaining passengers that were aboard the bus at the time that the Transport Officer arrived were advised that ACTION would contact them if any body fluid contamination was found in the bus after its return to the depot for cleaning and inspection. During cleaning no blood was found on the bus.

The other passengers who had been on the bus but had already alighted at previous bus stops before the Transport Officers arrived were not able to be identified and therefore were not contacted.

The mother of one of the passengers aboard the bus was informed the day after the incident that no bodily fluid contamination was found.

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DR BOURKE - Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

What is the proportion of ACTION employees who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As at the end of the 2011-2012 financial year there were 10 out of 892 staff who identified themselves as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This equates to 1.1% of ACTION's workforce.



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DR BOURKE- Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

I am asking for the total balance that you have of accumulated credits that people have provided through their MyWay cards.

MR RATTENBURY- The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As at 26 February 2013 the stored value balance on the MyWay smartcard system was in the order of \$2.6 million.

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MR COE - Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

What is the number of ACTION staff on workers compensation, with a breakdown by type of worker?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As at Thursday 21 February 2013 a total of 35 employees are currently off on workers compensation.

Of the 35 employees, 13 are currently unfit for duty however are expected to return to work. The other 22 employees have been retired on medical grounds or for other reasons and will not be returning to work but still have an open workers compensation case.

The breakdown of the 35 employees are as follows:

- Bus Drivers: 25
- Motor Mechanics and Workshop Staff: 8
- Cleaners: 1
- Special Needs Transport Bus Attendant: 1

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MR COE- Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

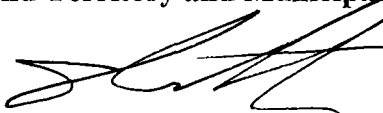
It has been put to me that a bus broke down within the Belconnen depot and the maintenance team had to come from the south depot to service that vehicle, in spite of it being literally a few metres away from the north side mechanic workshop. Is that so?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Without more information relating to the date or bus fleet number ACTION is unable to provide information regarding this specific circumstance. However, there are several reasons why this breakdown may have resulted in the maintenance team from another depot attending:

- **Bus Type:** there are some buses that only reside at a particular depot. For this reason the expertise and specific parts also reside with that depot and the breakdown truck from that depot. As an example Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses only operate from the Tuggeranong depot because this is where the CNG refuelling facility is located. The expertise, parts and the required licences to work on these types of buses are specific to the Tuggeranong depot. Therefore if a CNG bus breaks down with a gas/engine related issue, Tuggeranong mechanics will usually attend wherever it is located.
- **Breakdown crews otherwise detained:** There are instances when the closest depot's breakdown crew and truck is otherwise occupied on another call. In these cases it is more expedient to use the crew from the other depot.
- **Crew on the way back from another breakdown:** Occasionally breakdown crews will have to attend a number of breakdowns in succession. Workshops will then coordinate the most efficient attendance of available crews and trucks to facilitate recovery of the buses.

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MR COE - Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

In relation John Gorton Drive stage 1A and 1B. The initial \$11 million relates to 1A and subsequent funding basically covers the construction of stage 1B. Are they not separate projects? Should they not be treated separately?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The initial funding authorisation for the Molonglo North-South arterial road was provided as part of the 2008-2009 budget and amounted to \$11 million.

Subsequent additional funding of \$12.5 million as part of the 2009-2010 budget and \$11 million as part of the 2010-2011 budget increased the total funding for the Molonglo North-South arterial to \$34.5 million. The additional funding covered Stage 1B of the project and some cost increases experienced in Stage 1A of the project.



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DR BOURKE- Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

Where are the location of bus shelters to be installed over the next 12 months?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The following list of bus stop locations will be delivered by Adshel during 2012/13.

Street Name	Suburb
CANBERRA AVE	NARRABUNDAH
CAPTAIN COOK	MANUKA
CAPTAIN COOK	MANUKA
SOWARD	GREENWAY
MARIBYRNONG	KALEEN
MOUAT	LYNEHAM
MOUAT	LYNEHAM
FLEMINGTON	MITCHELL
HOSKINS	MITCHELL
WENTWORTH	KINGSTON
KATHERINE	AMAROO
SOWARD	GREENWAY
MOUAT	LYNEHAM
CLAREDENNIS	GORDON
GARRATT	WANNIASSA
LONGMORE	WANNIASSA
CHARLESTON	MONASH
THROSSELL	CURTIN
STREETON	CHAPMAN
MILLER	O'CONNOR
KINGEDWARD	PARKES
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WENTWORTH	KINGSTON
BRIGALOW	O'CONNOR
WATKINS	BRUCE

MARIBYRNONG	KALEEN
COPLAND	EVATT
BADDELEY	SPENCE
MOYNIHAN	EVATT
COMPANION	FLYNN
SPOFFORTH	HOLT
RATCLIFFE	FLOREY
ANTILL	DOWNER
ANTILL	DOWNER
KELLEWAY	NICHOLLS
KOSCIUSKO	PALMERSTON
KOSCIUSKO	PALMERSTON
ANNECLARK	NICHOLLS
ANNECLARK	NICHOLLS
KELLEWAY	NICHOLLS
KATHERINE	AMAROO
KATHERINE	AMAROO
KATHERINE	AMAROO
ODGEROO	FRANKLIN
WENTWORTH	KINGSTON
MENINDEEDRIVE	BARTON
LHOTSKY	CHARNWOOD
MIRRABEI	AMAROO
BALDWIN	KALEEN
NORTHBOURNE	TURNER

Where a concrete shelter is identified for relocation as a result of the placement of these new bus stops, a site is identified and consultation with the community is undertaken before placement.

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MR COE - Asked the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services:

Have Charnwood traders raised concerns with TAMS in relation to the roundabout project?

MR RATTENBURY - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Roads ACT have not been contacted by any Charnwood traders in relation to issues with the roundabout project.

While the building work associated with the new Emergency Services Agency premises in Charnwood is underway, no work has commenced on the construction of the roundabout.

Roads ACT will need to approve the traffic arrangements during the construction of the roundabout and will take into consideration the safety and access requirements to Charnwood Group Centre as part of this approval process.

Charnwood traders will be advised of any changes to traffic arrangements during the construction of the roundabout.

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