



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 10

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
JEREMY HANSON MLA (CHAIR), DEEPAK-RAJ GUPTA MLA, MICHAEL PETERSSON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Alistair Coe MLA -

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

In relation to: Light Rail – Stage 2

1. What involvement has IFCW had in discussions between the ACT Government and the National Capital Authority or Federal Government regarding Stage 2?
2. What are the financial implications for Stage 2 if the NCA doesn't give approval to use Commonwealth Ave Bridge?
 - a. Is there a contingency plan for Stage 2 if the NCA doesn't grant approval or the ACT Government doesn't want to meet the requirements set out by the NCA?
 - i. If so, what is the contingency plan.
 - ii. If not, why not?
3. What involvement has IFCW had in the planning, contracts, procurement and approval processes to date?
 - a. What involvement will IFCW had in the planning, contracts, procurement and approval processes going forward?

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

1. The light rail stage 2 project is managed by the Major Projects Canberra (MPC, previously TCCS) Light Rail team. The conversations regarding light rail stage 2 have been between MPC and the Commonwealth.
2. The ACT Government does not currently propose to use the existing Commonwealth Avenue Bridges for light rail. A new light rail only bridge is proposed to be built between the existing bridges. This approach has been discussed with the NCA and will continue to be developed as Stage 2B of light rail is progressed.



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3. See response to question 1 above. MPC (and previously TCCS) has full responsibility for the management of the project. Infrastructure Finance and Reform (formerly part of IFCW) has participated in an advisory capacity in various workshops relating to the light rail projects and in the Risk and Change Management Committee and will continue to do so.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature:

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Date: 20/11/19.

By the Acting Treasurer, Yvette Berry MLA