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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Questions on Notice Paper No 6 Friday, 9 May 2025 Question No. 376

MR CAIN: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

- 1. Given that one lane of Northbourne Avenue southbound has been closed for many years for about 200 metres from Morphett Street in Dickson, when did this lane first close and why was it closed.
- 2. If the lane referred to in part (1) has been closed for a redevelopment, why is the lane not reopened when no work is being undertaken.
- 3. How many days lapsed from when the lane was closed to when work commenced on the development site.
- 4. How many days has the lane been closed where there has been no work being done on-site including weekends.
- 5. When is the lane due to re-open.
- 6. Is the developer required to pay monetary compensation for the lane closures given the impact on the wider community.
- 7. Has the Government commissioned studies or looked at what other jurisdictions do as an alternative to ongoing long-term lane closures that impact the wider community; if so, can the Minister provide that information.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

- 1. There are currently two adjacent stages of the SOHO development that have resulted in lane closures. The road closures for this location have been authorised since 21 June 2022.
- 2. The nature of the work and the site access constraints require the installation of physical barriers to provide a safe work zone and a protected pedestrian/cyclist corridor past the site. These barriers cannot be installed and removed easily, and it is generally less disruptive to keep them in place for the duration of construction.
- 3. The Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) authorisation allows the contractor to change the Traffic Control Devices (TCD) (e.g. signage, line marking, etc) to provide a safe work zone and to minimise the impact on the community. The TTM authorisation does not relate to the day-to-day programming of

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construction works within the site. As such, TCCS is unable to monitor or report on the timing of the commencement of work activities.

- 4. TCCS has no visibility over the day-to-day site operations and does not have this information.
- 5. The current TTM authorisation allows for the lane closure until the end of November 2025.
- 6. Yes
- 7. The ACT is currently aligned with the NSW system for the planning, design and implementation of TTM plans.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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