

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 686

Mr Peter Cain MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport

Can the Minister advise what plans are in place to provide a bus stop at or near the Capital Food Market in Belconnen to improve public transport access, particularly for elderly residents and others who may have difficulty reaching the market.

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

The closest active bus stops to the Capital Food Market are situated 600 metres from the market.

Currently, there are no Transport Canberra bus routes that run along Benjamin Way, as all bus routes operate along the established public transport corridor via Cohen Street, Westfield Belconnen stops and the Belconnen Interchange.

Transport Canberra's public transport network is designed to balance accessibility with efficiency, ensuring services are provided where they are most needed and can be sustained by consistent demand. While the Capital Food Market is a valued local destination, it is located within a light industrial area of the Belconnen Town Centre that currently lacks other significant attractors or residential density to support regular public transport service.

Introducing a dedicated bus service to this location would require diverting existing routes or adding new services, which could impact travel times and resource availability across the broader network. Given the low level of activity and limited foot traffic in the immediate area, such a change is not currently feasible within the operational and financial constraints of the network.

Transport Canberra continues to monitor land use and travel patterns across the city and will reassess service needs if activity around the market increases or if future development changes the transport demand profile. In the meantime, residents with mobility challenges may be eligible for the Flexible Bus Service, which provides tailored transport options to eligible Canberrans for destinations not served by regular routes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport

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