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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 1

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Question No. 25

MS CLAY MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:
How does the Government currently monitor Scope 3 emissions for Canberra, and when will reporting begin, as recommended by the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment.

MINISTER ORR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government agreed in principle to the recommendation from the Commissioner for Sustainability and Environment, and noted the action already being taken to address the issues.

The Government has completed an initial analysis of the methodology and data availability to report scope 3 emissions from government operations. Work is underway to refine the approach and ensure it is consistent, comparable, complete and accurate. Due to this ongoing work, the ACT Government has not mandated scope 3 emissions reporting and does not currently track scope 3 emissions for Canberra.

The Government is already reporting and reducing scope 3 emissions on a number of major projects. Major projects currently underway in the ACT, such as Light Rail Stage 2 and Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) campus, are already actively delivering reductions in scope 3 emissions and testing scope 3 emissions tracking tools as part of sustainability rating schemes. The Government has also released the Low Carbon Concrete policy, which requires projects to use and report on low carbon concrete, where relevant, from January 2025.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


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