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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 149

MR CAIN MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:

- (1) How many public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are currently operational in the Belconnen district.
- (2) How many public EV charging stations are currently operational in the Belconnen district per capita to the population of the Belconnen district.
- (3) Can the Minister list how many public EV charging stations are currently operational in each suburb of the Belconnen district.
- (4) How many public EV chargers are planned for installation and operation in the Belconnen district in (a) 2025, (b) 2026, (c) 2027 and (d) 2028.
- (5) How does Transport Canberra and City Services determine where public EV chargers should be installed.

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

- (1) As of 11th February 2025, there are 11 public EV chargers in the Belconnen district, powering 16 charging bays. Some chargers can service two cars at once, so the number of publicly available charging bays can be a more useful metric.
- (2) Using 2021 ABS Census data, there is one public EV charging bay per 6,629 Belconnen district residents. Only 3% of ACT registered vehicles are electric, so another way to consider the adequacy of existing infrastructure can be to calculate the ratio of public charging bays to EV registrations. According to September 2024 Access Canberra data, there were 2,125 EVs registered to addresses in the Belconnen district, amounting to one public EV charging bay per 133 registered EVs.

(3)

Suburb	Location	Chargers	Charging bays
Belconnen	Sentinel Building	2 x AC	4
Belconnen	Canberra Labor Club	2 x AC	2
Holt	Raiders Club	3 x AC	3
Macquarie	Jamison Centre	2 x DC	4
Strathnairn	The Link, Ginninderry	2 x AC	3
Total:		11	16

(4) The first projects awarded grants from the ACT Government's \$1.5 million Public EV Charging Infrastructure Fund were announced in May 2024. This included one new DC fast charging site in the Belconnen district, with 3 chargers servicing 6 bays. The site is expected to be operational in 2025.

Information on the future installation of ACT Government supported chargers cannot be provided at present as they are subject to delegate approval and then deed negotiation.

(5) The Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate set the requirements for chargers on public land through the *EV Charging Infrastructure Operational Policy* and assess charger site applications against that policy as they are submitted.

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate administers the grant funding program to actively support the installation of publicly accessible EV chargers. These include chargers on public and leased land.

The priorities for the first projects announced from the Fund include installing EV chargers:

- in locations of importance to the ACT community such as tourist destinations, shopping centres and community facilities;
- that will be accessible for people with disability;
- in areas with limited existing chargers;
- in urban areas with medium to high density housing; and
- deliverability.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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