

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC01 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

1. **Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—**

In relation to 'State Rail Authority, State Transit Authority, the Department of Transport, Rail Infrastructure Corporation and FreightCorp'

- (1) How many staff have received or will receive bonuses during 2000-01,
(2) Can you provide the identity of the staff members, the positions they hold within those five entities and the specific amounts that have been paid?

Answer

On 28 August 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2001-21 was issued indicating that performance pay was not to be made available to members of the Chief and Senior Executive Services.

In August 2000 details of performance payments were published in the Sydney media relating to a range of performance payments made in 2000.

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Minister for Transport
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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE No 4**

**2001 BUDGET ESTIMATES
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QUESTION ON NOTICE No 2

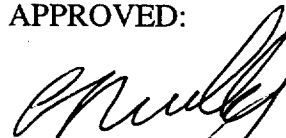
Mr Jobling asked:

What amount from total expenses have you and your specific staff spent on Cabcharge expenses?

ANSWER

The Minister's office Cabcharge account is funded from the allocation provided by the MAPS section in the Premiers Department through the Roads and Traffic Authority.

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Minister for Roads**

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No. 01LC03 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

3. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

In relation to 'skipped stops on train times'

- (1) What percentage of trains would experience skipped stops each day?
- (2) What did your figures show last month?
- (3) What are the figures for the past three months?

Answer

The daily transport task for CityRail is massive. Each day more than 900,000 people travel on CityRail's 2,500 services.

Skipped stops is always used as a last resort to minimise the inconvenience to our passengers.

CityRail uses the measure of skipping stops to prevent massive disruption and inconvenience to many passengers when a mechanical defect, incident, fatality, weather-related or infrastructure problem threatens to impact on-time running across the rail network.

Skipped stops is a practice that has been used by the CityRail network for many years, and was the subject of a Ministerial Press Release in November 1990 by the former Coalition Government Minister for Transport, the Hon. Bruce Baird MP entitled, "Nothing New in Station Skipping". In that press statement, Mr Baird said "*trains occasionally skipped stations to make up lost time and avoid causing further delays to trains on connected lines.*" He went further - "*This is standard railway procedure, used overseas and in Sydney since the city rail service was introduced.*"

The decision to skip stops from time to time is never taken lightly by CityRail, however it is occasionally necessary in order to avoid potential lengthy delays for many thousands of commuters right across the network.

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4. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

In relation to 'speed restrictions on the New South Wales rail network'

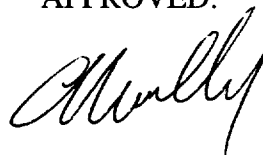
- (1) At what locations are there current speed restrictions?
- (2) What is the normal speed at each location?
- (3) What is the slowest speed at each location?
- (4) What times of the day, or during which type of operation, do the restrictions apply at each location?
- (5) How long are the restrictions to be in place at each location?
- (6) Why are there speed restrictions at each location?

Answer

The Rail Infrastructure Corporation advises me of the following:

- (1-6) Routine maintenance is carried out in a way that involves regular track inspections. On occasion, this may involve a speed restriction to ensure the safety of the tracks, trains and rail workers. Speed restrictions in rail are of a similar principle to speed restrictions around road work sites, that is, to provide a greater level of safety. I am advised that across the four main country rail corridors, RIC is working towards a target of further reducing speed restrictions to a level that will not impact on passenger train timetables.

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5. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

In relation to 'customer satisfaction surveys carried out by CityRail'

- (1) When was the last quarterly customer satisfaction survey carried out?
- (2) Will you also advise when the next survey will be carried out?
- (3) Will you be able to provide what the results were of the most recent survey?

Answer

- (1-3) The State Rail Authority welcomes constructive feedback from its many customers as a valuable management tool.

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6. Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

Can you give an estimate of your expenditure on road-based infrastructure development compared with rail and public transport options?

Answer

Total capital program for transport agencies is \$721.7 million.

Estimated expenditure on road-based infrastructure developments for 2001/02 is \$688.5 million.

This information is detailed in Budget Paper 4.

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7. Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

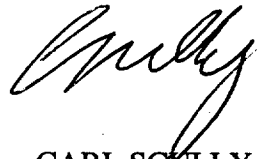
In relation to 'the school student transport scheme'

- (1) Have you been able to find out the total subsidy to children in non-government schools?
- (2) What is the total subsidy for children travelling past their local government school?
- (3) Which companies received the five largest payouts under the scheme?

Answer

- (1) This information is only available for regular route bus operators and in 1999 the subsidy for children in non-government schools was \$106.1 million out of a total payment to regular route bus operators of \$238.8 million.
- (2) This information is unavailable.
- (3) Some details of SSTS payments and distributions may be found in the Annual Report.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE No 8

Mr Cohen asked:

In relation to the 'the offers to home owners to sell their properties above the M5 tunnel and M5 east stack'

- (1) What would be the cost if every homeowner within a 400 metre radius of the M5 East stack took up the offer of selling their property to the Department?
- (2) What was the take-up rate for the 1997 offer to homeowners to sell their properties above the M5 road tunnel and those within 100 metres of the portals?
- (3) What has been the cost of the scheme so far?
- (4) What is the average gap between the price of the sale of the property to the RTA and the rate of resale to the new owners?

ANSWER

- (1) The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has found that 270 owner-occupiers of residential properties live within 400 metres of the M5 East air exhaust stack. The RTA has written to those owners.

Under the M5 East Property Value Guarantee the average loss in value between purchase and resale of property has been 7%.

- (2) 311 properties are eligible for the 1997 M5 East Property Value Guarantee for properties above the tunnel or within 100 metres of a tunnel portal.

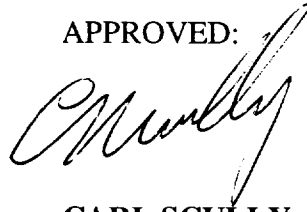
Up to May 2001, 113 property owners have requested an offer from the RTA.

99 offers have been made, of which 62 have proceeded to exchange of contracts.

- (3) Including the temporary financial outlay between exchange of contracts on purchase of eligible properties until settlement of resales, total expenditure for the 1997 M5 East Property Value Guarantee up to June 2001 is \$4,013,000.

- (4) In respect of the 62 properties resold up to May 2001 under the 1997 M5 East Property Value Guarantee, the average loss in market value of the properties has been 7%.

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Minister for Roads

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No. 01LC09 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

9. Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

Have you had any interagency communication on or investigation into the viability of biodiesel?

Answer

The Government is committed to pursuing more environmentally friendly fuels both to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Biodiesel is a generic name for fuels made from modified vegetable oils.

According to the CSIRO report "Lifecycle Emissions Analysis of Alternative Fuels for Heavy Vehicles" commissioned last year by the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) biodiesel has the lowest greenhouse gas emissions on a life-cycle basis. Ethanol comes next and then the gaseous fuels such as Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). However, the CSIRO report found that on a life-cycle basis, the gaseous fuels LPG and CNG give the lowest contribution to air pollution, based on estimates of human health risk. Biodiesel scores poorly in relation to air quality because its production and use generates considerable amounts of particulate matter.

The State Transit Authority (STA) is committed to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as the alternative to diesel fuels. CNG has been given the highest ranking for air quality, and is ranked third to biodiesel for greenhouse gas emissions. STA has previously conducted trials with bio-blend fuels such as Diesohol and after extensive testing this type of fuel did not prove a successful alternative to commercially available diesel.

I am advised that AGO is conducting further research into the merits of biodiesel compared to other fuels in their "Comparison of Transport Fuels" study. During the preparation of this study the AGO has liaised with the Roads and Traffic Authority. The report is due to be released later this year.

The Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation recently announced his support for the development of alternative fuel products using vegetable oil. NSW Agriculture and the Biodiesel Association of Australia are currently discussing the potential of biodiesel and have invited the participation of the Roads and Traffic Authority.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE No 10

Mr Jobling asked:

In relation to 'flood damaged roads'

- (1) What councils have applied for and received funding for flood-damaged roads over the last three years?
- (2) Can you match that with the maintenance funding for each of those councils over the last three years?

ANSWER

The State Government has provided \$504,783,135 maintenance funding, including additional funding for the repair of flood damaged roads, to councils (including the unincorporated area) over the past three years.

134 councils (including the unincorporated area) have received flood disaster funding over this period.

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**2001 BUDGET ESTIMATES
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QUESTION ON NOTICE No 11

Mr Jobling asked:

- (1) When was Gosford City Council informed that funding would be provided in the 2001/2002 Budget for Avoca Drive, The Entrance Road and Pacific Highway within Gosford City Council?
- (2) What criteria is used by the Roads and Traffic Authority for determining whether a single contract price for a project will be sought from a Council, both Council and the RTA, or open tenders are called?
- (3) What, if any, action is the RTA taking to minimise the considerable contractual documentation done by councils in tendering to undertake State Road work, particularly that which relates to standard procedures which apply to all such projects?
- (4) Will the Minister indicate when funding will be provided for the following road works within Gosford City Council and on what time scale:
 - (a) Construction of a major intersection on the Pacific Highway at Brisbane Water Drive and Manns Road, West Gosford,
 - (b) Reconstruction of The Entrance Road / Terrigal Drive / Barralong Road intersection,
 - (c) Kariong F3 Freeway interchange,
 - (d) Gosford North-Eastern Bypass Road.
- (5) Can the Minister provide a funding schedule for the following developed works within Gosford City Council:
 - (a) Pedestrian facility at York Street, East Gosford,
 - (b) Avoca Drive / Sun Valley Road intersection,
 - (c) Avoca Drive / Empire Bay Drive roundabout reconstruction,
 - (d) The Entrance Road, Terrigal Drive to Charlton Road upgrading works,
 - (e) Manns Road safety improvements between Wannada Road and Reeves Street, Narara,
 - (f) The elimination of the railway level crossing at South Woy Woy,
 - (g) Woy Woy parkway commuter carpark,

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12. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

In relation to 'State Asset Acquisition Program 2001-02, State Rail Authority, Hunter Rail Cars)

The 2001-02 Budget Papers show that the new trains for the Newcastle to Dungog and Newcastle to Scone rail lines will not be completed until 2005.

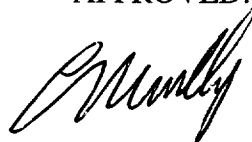
Why is it going to take 5 years to construct and bring on line only two trains to service these rail lines?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-1)

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises that the Hunter Rail Car Project will deliver new carriages for use in the Hunter Region. These will replace the 620/720 class carriages currently in use. This is a major upgrade and is progressing in accordance with the expected timetable for such a project.

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No. 01LC13 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

13. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) Has State Rail purchased a lightning data tracking system for the Rail Co-ordination Centre?
- (2) What was the cost of purchasing this system?
- (3) (a) Did the contract to supply the system go to tender?
(b) If so, when and who was the successful contractor?
- (4) If the contract was filled through quotes, from which companies were quotes sought?

Answer

- (1-4) I am advised that a system was purchased in full accordance with the State Rail Authority's procurement guidelines.

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Dated 21 June 2001

15. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) How many staff received bonuses during 2000-01 or will receive bonuses during 2001-02, in:
- (a) State Rail,
 - (b) State Transit,
 - (c) Department of Transport,
 - (d) Rail Infrastructure Corporation,
 - (e) FreightCorp?
- (2) What is the identity of each staff member, their position and the amount paid?

Answer

- (1-2) On 28 August 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2001-21 was issued indicating that performance pay was not to be made available to members of the Chief and Senior Executive Services.

In August 2000 details of performance payments were published in the Sydney media relating to a range of performance payments made in 2000.

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No. 01LC17 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

17. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (a) Was a feasibility study into High Speed Rail for the Illawarra completed during 2000-01?
- (b) If so, is it available to the public?
- (c) If not, when will the study be available?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No.
- (c) The Study has been forwarded to the Commonwealth Government's High Speed Train Branch. The findings of the study will be used in the context of a National High Speed Train network, as part of the Federal Government's East Coast Very High Speed Train Scoping Study.

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No. 01LC18 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

18. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

What is the total administrative cost of the various transport boards for 2000-01?

Answer

I refer the Honourable Member to my answer to Question 16.

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No. 01LC19 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

19. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) How often are State Transit buses cleaned?
- (2) How quickly is graffiti removed?
- (3) What is the policy when graffiti can't be removed, that is, are seats recovered and walls painted?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-4)

Answer

The State Transit Authority (STA) advises me of the following:

- (1-3) I am advised that all STA buses are swept daily, cleaned through the bus wash at least once a week (sometimes more often), and given a heavy clean every six weeks to maintain them in a clean and comfortable condition.

State Transit's current strategy of early detection and correction has been effective in combating instances of graffiti. In addition, security cameras on buses and at depots have resulted in less graffiti.

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No. 01LC20 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

20. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

Which stations remain unstaffed during certain shifts during the day and/or night?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

Station staffing is principally based on passenger load and timetables. Changes in staffing occur based on operational requirements.

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No. 01LC21 ESTIMATES

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21. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) What surplus land does SRA intend to sell during 2001-02?
- (2) What surplus SRA land was sold or intended to be sold during 1999-2000 and 2000-01?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) Sale opportunities will be notified progressively. Clearly, it would inappropriate to disclose details at this stage.
- (2) Information on the sale of property for past years is contained in the relevant Annual Reports.

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No. 01LC22 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

22. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) How many mobile cleaners operate on trains?
- (2) How many hours are allocated each week, in total, for mobile cleaners working on trains? (not per cleaner, but the overall number of cumulative hours worked by mobile cleaners per week)
- (3) Where do they operate?
- (4) Between what hours do they operate?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1-4) State Rail's mobile cleaning teams operate throughout the CityRail network, with a particular focus on moving through trains following morning and afternoon peaks.

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No. 01LC23 ESTIMATES

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23. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) (a) Is the station signage program which was announced in the capital works program for 2000-01 at an estimated cost of \$8.3 million with a completion date of 2006 ongoing?
- (b) If so:
- (i) What does this project involve?
 - (ii) Will it be finished on time?
 - (iii) What is the estimated cost of the project?
- (c) If not:
- (i) Why has the project been cancelled?
 - (ii) What was the \$2.6 million spent on?
 - (iii) Was the estimated \$1 million spent during 2000-01?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) The project is on-going and is undertaken in conjunction with Easy Access station upgrades. The funding is included in the funding for each Easy Access station upgrade. Further funds are allocated via the Station Renewal Program for Stations not receiving Easy Access upgrades.
- (c) Not applicable.

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No. 01LC24 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

24. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) How often are train interiors given a heavy clean, ie scrubbing of floors, ceilings and windows?
- (2) How often are train exteriors given a heavy clean?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) All cars undergo a major clean on a 30 day cycle.
- (2) Sets are programmed for external side wash on a 14 day cycle. This represents a major improvement of the train cleaning program. All trains are now de-littered daily, with many trains de-littered twice daily. Also, there are mobile teams of train cleaners moving through the network cleaning trains.

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No. 01LC25 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

25. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

How did CityRail spend \$700,000 it promised on marketing for the Airport Line?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-4 and 18-5)

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises that, over the past nine months, it has conducted several marketing initiatives for the Airport Rail Link. Major initiatives have included:

- Upgrading of Airport Link signage stations;
- Lightbox advertising at Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane Airports;
- Two print runs of a new generic brochure;
- Airport Link billboards in Sydney CBD plus nine regional sites;
- Six-week advertising campaign in seven regional weekly newspapers;
- Advertising campaign in street furniture sites throughout Sydney CBD;
- Recording, editing and down loading of promotional DVA messages for use at key stations across the CityRail network;
- Re-design of the Airport Link web site;
- Design and distribution of promotional postcards at over 250 locations across Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane; and
- Filming, editing and placing of a promotional video which is displayed at various baggage reclaim sites and selected flight information screens at the Qantas terminal.

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Dated 21 June 2001

26. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

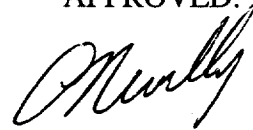
- (1) As at 15 June 2001 at what locations are there current speed restrictions on the NSW rail network?
- (2) What is the normal speed at each location?
- (3) What is the slower speed at each location?
- (4) At what times of the day or during which type of operations do the restrictions apply at each location?
- (5) How long are the restrictions to be in place at each location?
- (6) Why are there speed restrictions at each location?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-5)

Answer

The Honourable Member's questions appears to repeat in almost identical terms Question Number 4. Accordingly, I refer the Honourable Member to my previous answer in relation to this matter.

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No. 01LC27 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

27. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

How many sniper attacks have been reported on the NSW Rail System since 1 December 2000?

Answer

I am advised that there is no specific category of incident as "sniper attack" on the CityRail security incident system.

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No. 01LC28 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

28. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) How many people were fined for smoking in prohibited areas on State Rail premises during 2000-01?
- (2) (a) Do CityRail On Train Security Guards and Station Staff have the authority to fine smokers?
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) What does CityRail intend to do about the high number of persons who ignore the signs and announcements and insist on smoking in prohibited areas?
- (4) How many State Rail staff were reprimanded during 2000-01 for smoking on State Rail premises during 2000-01?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) Infringement Notices are issued in accordance with State Rail's procedures. Transit Police typically issue the majority of smoking fines on rail, however State Rail is unable to provide statistics on police issued infringements.
- (2)(a) On Train Security Guards do not have the authority to issue fines. A number of station staff are authorised to issue fines for offences including smoking.
(b) By law, a person must be an Authorised Officer to issue a fine. Revenue Protection Officers and some station staff are authorised to issue infringement notices.
- (3) CityRail and Transit Police will continue to instruct passengers not to smoke in prohibited areas and to issue fines to those who ignore this requirement on trains and enclosed SRA property.
- (4) Figures of this nature are not available.

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29. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

Which ten CityRail stations record the highest levels of violence?

Answer

The provision of such information requested by the Honourable Member may jeopardise current operational activities. CityRail remains committed to the security and safety of its many passengers, and this Government has introduced several major initiatives to help combat instances of anti-social behaviour on the rail system. These initiatives include the posting of two security guards on every CityRail service after 7pm and the random patrolling of security guards outside these hours. In addition, this Government has undertaken the single largest security upgrade to trains and stations for many years, with the ongoing installation program of digital security cameras, help points and high intensity lighting at every single CityRail station.

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No. 01LC30 ESTIMATES

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30. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) Which ten CityRail stations are constantly being vandalised?
- (2) Which ten CityRail stations are constantly being targeted for graffiti?

Answer

I refer the Honourable Member to my answer to Question 29. The provision of operationally sensitive information may jeopardise activities either being planned or in place.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC31 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

31. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) Will additional or new rollingstock be available for the new electrified line between Dapto and Kiama?
- (2)
 - (a) Will State Rail require all the diesel rollingstock currently being used between Dapto and Kiama?
 - (b) If not, will some of that rollingstock be used on other lines such as Southern Highlands or between Bathurst and Lithgow where additional trains are desperately required?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) State Rail will allocate rolling stock to this service when it is commissioned.
- (2) I am advised that State Rail is considering this matter at present.

APPROVED:



CARL SCULLY MP
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