

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC32 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (a) Will any of the South Coast carriages be allocated to Countrylink services?
- (b) If so, how many and to where?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises that no decision has been taken on this matter.

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

- (1) How many customer complaints has Countrylink received for 2000-01?
- (2) How many customer complaints has Countrylink received for 2000-02?

Answer

- (1-2) Countrylink welcomes constructive feedback from its many customers, including complaints and compliments. Countrylink has recorded a steady and pleasing decrease in complaints.

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

- (1) (a) Has the Macdonaldtown turnback been completed?
- (b) If so, when and what was the final cost?
- (2) When will work commence on the Macdonaldtown stabling yard?
- (3) Will this project be completed on time and on budget?

Answer

- (1-3) The Rail Infrastructure Corporation advises that, these two projects are listed collectively in Budget Paper 4 under the title Macdonaldtown Stabling Yard.

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

Is the cost of rail access charges too prohibitive on private operators who wish to operate tourist services?

Answer

The Honourable Member's question appears to be one which asks me to speculate on what may or may not be the views of private rail operators. I am not aware of any specific complaints of the nature suggested in the question. However, I can answer in terms of general policy.

The Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) advises that it sets access charges for tourist service proposals on a case by case basis. Charges are set to at least recover marginal costs, but typically only recover 20-50% of the total costs of providing and maintaining the track. Over most of the network, the remaining costs are subsidised by Government under a Community Service Obligation contract with RIC. Access charges typically represent less than 20% of a rail operation.

RIC is not aware of any tourist service proposal that is being precluded from going ahead as a result of the level of rail access charges.

Scheduled tourist services are operated by Northern Rivers Railroad (Ritz Rail) – three per week, 3801 Ltd (the Cockatoo Run) – twice weekly, Great Southern Railway (the Indian Pacific and the Ghan) – once per week, and Queensland Rail (the Great South Pacific Express) – 15 per year. In addition, there are a number of rail enthusiast groups that operate tours on an ad hoc basis.

These services represent a significant commitment by the Government in working closely with private rail tourist service operators.

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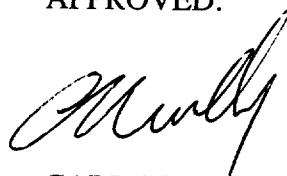
36. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) When will the first Millennium Train carriages be trialled?
- (2) When will the first Millennium Train carriages be incorporated into the CityRail system to commence carrying passengers?
- (3) How many Millennium Train carriages will be carrying passengers by 31 March 2002?
- (4) When will the delivery of the first stage of the Millennium Train project be completed?
- (5) How many new Millennium Train carriages will be operating:
 - (a) by the end of June 2002?
 - (b) by the end of June 2003?
 - (c) by the end of June 2004?

Answer

- (1-5) The Millennium Train represents a significant investment by this Government in public transport. This project will see extra capacity enter the rail network, and has created significant employment opportunities in Newcastle and the Hunter region. I am advised that the first carriages will become progressively available later this year.

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No. 01LC37 ESTIMATES

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

- (1) What is the number of complaints received by CityRail about its on train security guards during 1999-00 and 2000-01?
- (2) What is the nature of the complaints for the above periods?
- (3) How many security guards have been reprimanded during these periods?
- (4) How many security guards have been sacked during these periods?

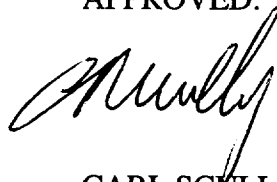
Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1-4) CityRail is unable to provide data for all of the period requested in the Honourable Member's question. The placement of security guards on every service after 7pm is a major commitment to the safety and comfort of the travelling public. CityRail acts upon complaints received from the general public and is committed to improving the level of service provided by the security guard contractor, Chubb Security.

I am advised that information on the matters referred to in Questions 3 and 4 are not held by CityRail.

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

Which new regional and rural lines will the Government open this financial year?

Answer

The Honourable Member would be aware that this Government has an excellent record of reopening closed rural rail lines. The policy represents a marked departure from the policies of the previous Coalition Government, which closed rural rail lines and slashed country rail passenger services.

The efforts of Country Labor MP's and MLC's needs to be acknowledged as an important part of this new policy. This Government has reopened the Cowra-Blayney line and the Kandos-Gulgong line in recent times.

Additionally, this Government has reintroduced country passenger rail services to Broken Hill and Griffith as part of its ongoing commitment to country NSW.

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No. 01LC39 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (1) How many complaints have been received either by State Rail or the Department of Transport concerning security in carparks?
- (2) Which ten carparks received the most complaints during 2000-01?
- (3) What was the nature of most of those complaints?

Answer

I am advised that State Rail has received a minimal level of complaint in relation to this matter.

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Dated 21 June 2001

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

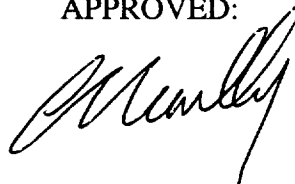
What were the number of reported criminal incidents on Countrylink trains during 1999-00 and 2000-01?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-5 and Budget Paper No. 4, p109-110)

Answer

I am advised by Countrylink that security incidents have shown an encouraging decline.

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Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (1) Why has there been a \$9.7 million reduction in the amount of monies allocated to the Broken Hill Rail car project?
- (2) (a) Will Broken Hill and Griffith have their promised rail cars by December 2001?
(b) If not, why not?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-6)

Answer

I draw the Honourable Member's attention to Budget Paper 4, Additional New Rail Cars, at a total estimated cost of \$11.7 million. The restoration of country rail passenger services to Griffith and Broken Hill by this Government is a marked contrast to the policies of the former Coalition Government that closed rural rail lines and slashed country passenger services.

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No. 01LC43 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

Which ten STA bus services receive the most complaints?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-21)

Answer

The State Transit Authority (STA) remains committed to providing the highest possible level of service to its many customers. The STA acts upon complaints received and regards constructive critical feedback from the public as a valuable management tool.

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

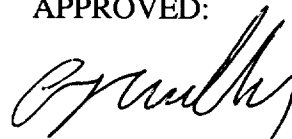
- (1) What stations have neither station staff nor a ticket machine?
- (2) How do customers unable to purchase a ticket from these stations avoid being fined?
- (3) (a) Are there any plans to equip these stations with staff and/or ticket machines in the next 2 years?
(b) If so which stations will gain these facilities?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1-3) Some stations that experience very low levels of patronage may not have ticket vending facilities on the station. Where there are no ticket selling devices/facilities at their original station, customers travel without a ticket and are required to pay at their destination. I am advised that CityRail is investigating the installation of ticketing facilities at various stations around the CityRail network.

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No. 01LC45 ESTIMATES

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

- (1) How much revenue has Countrylink made through its tourist packages for 1999-2000 and 2000-01?
- (2) What is the estimate for this revenue for 2001-02?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) Countrylink's revenue has shown growth over recent years. Countrylink has a range of exciting and affordable products for the tourist market.
- (2) The projected income for 2000-02 is still being finalised but is expected to be in line with 2000-01 figures.

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No. 01LC46 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (1) What does Countrylink estimate its patronage to be for 2000-01 and 2001-02?
- (2) What plans does Countrylink have to increase levels of patronage?

Answer

- (1-2) Countrylink's passenger journey details are published in the State Rail Authority's Annual Report.

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No. 01LC47 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

What is the Government doing to attract tourist dollars to regional and rural rail?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p21)

Answer

In recent years, Countrylink has implemented plans to attract the budget end of the inbound tourism market. This has involved attending trade shows held both in Australia and overseas and developing relationships with the major overseas wholesale travel companies.

Countrylink also participates in and sometimes sponsors a range of regional tourism activities, such as the Australian Regional Tourism Convention, to be held in Port Macquarie from September 5-8 2001. This Convention will bring together regional tourism officers, operators and products. These activities help generate jobs and investment in rural and regional NSW.

Similarly, CityRail has developed plans to attract the backpacker segment of the travel market, through both targeted promotion in backpacker publications and tourism maps and by building relationships with major suppliers to the backpacker market, such as youth hostels and Internet cafes.

Unlike the previous Coalition Government, that saw fit to close rural rail lines and slash country passenger services, this Government has reopened rural rail lines and reintroduced country passenger rail services. This Government's commitment to regional and rural rail is strong and tangible.

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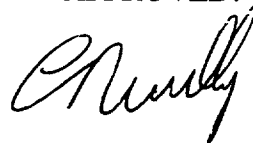
48. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) When is the amplification of the line between Richmond and Blacktown expected to be completed?
- (2) What is the estimated total cost of the amplification of the line between Richmond and Blacktown?

Answer

- (1) The Honourable Member should be made aware that amplification of the Richmond line between Blacktown and Marayong was completed last year. Stage Two - Marayong to Quakers Hill is scheduled for completion in the near future.
- (2) Project costs are managed in accordance with State Rail's project management and reporting procedures.

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No. 01LC49 ESTIMATES

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

- (1) What is the age of the articulated buses operated by STA on routes to Palm Beach?
- (2) (a) Has STA ever considered proposals to replace any or all of these existing buses with newer ones?
 - (b) If so, when and what is the estimated cost?
 - (c) If not, why hasn't it occurred?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p81)

Answer

The State Transit Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) All articulated buses were refurbished three years ago. The buses are maintained in good order and are operating according to the operational requirement of the STA.
- (2) (a) The STA is constantly considering service improvements.
 - (b) It is considered inappropriate to discuss the requirements of a potential future tender. Tenders are advised in due course.
 - (c) Not applicable.

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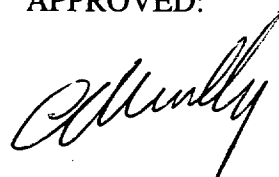
50. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) When is the new commuter carpark at Kogarah expected to be completed?
- (2) (a) Is this project behind schedule?
 - (b) If so, when was it due to be completed?

Answer

(1-2) This important project is progressing close to schedule and represents a major commitment to Kogarah and the surrounding areas.

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No. 01LC51 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

What is the current start and finish dates for the proposed Epping to Castle Hill rail link?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p108)

Answer

Action for Transport 2010 provided for construction of the Epping to Castle Hill rail line. Detailed feasibility work is underway and an initial report has already been publicly released.

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Dated 21 June 2001

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

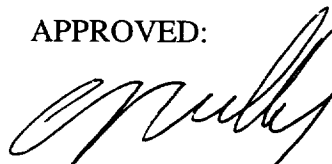
- (1) As CityRail does not intend to build easy access facilities at Cardiff Station because it will close when Glendale Station is built, will the Minister advise when construction of Glendale Station will commence and be complete?
- (2) When will Cardiff Station close?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p108-110)

Answer

- (1-2) I am advised that the State Rail Authority and the Department of Transport are currently exploring options in relation to this project.

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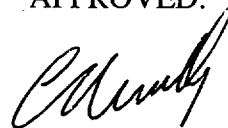
53. Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

- (1) Since 12 October 2000, how many stations have been completed for Easy Access?
- (2) How many will be completed by 2005?
- (3) Which stations will be completed by 2005?

Answer

- (1-3) The Easy Access upgrading program is a major investment in accessible infrastructure. The Government has a proud record of delivering a significant number of Easy Access upgrades since gaining office. Further upgrades will be announced in due course. A large number of stations were completed prior to the Olympics including Central, Wynyard, Town Hall, Liverpool, Lidcombe, Penrith and Ashfield. Since then, work has commenced on new Easy Access projects. A further five stations are due for completion in the near future.

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

When will easy access be completed for the following stations:

- (a) Engadine,
- (b) Caringbah,
- (c) Allawah,
- (d) Fairfield,
- (e) Wollongong,
- (f) Katoomba,
- (g) Summer Hill,
- (h) Regents Park,
- (i) Campsie,
- (j) Beresfield,
- (k) Beverly Hills,
- (l) Maitland,
- (m) Thornton,
- (n) Riverwood.

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p109-110)

Answer

This information is detailed in Budget Paper Number 4.

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No. 01LC55 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (a) Is the platform gap reduction program continuing?
- (b) If so, what is the final estimated cost and the date of completion?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (a) Yes. The Platform Gap Reduction program has been incorporated in the funding titled Station Renewal Program in Budget Paper 4.
- (b) The total estimated cost has not changed. This is an ongoing program.
- (c) Not applicable.

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Dated 21 June 2001

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

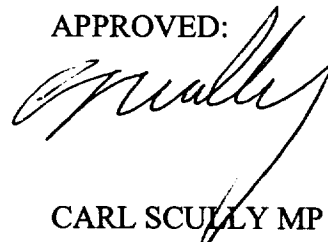
- (a) Has the project to install tactile tiles at CityRail Stations been completed?
- (b) If not, why was it omitted from the capital works program for 2001-02?
- (c) If so, when was it completed and what was the final cost?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (a-b) The tactile program is continuing. It comprises two parts. Stations benefiting from Easy Access upgrades have the application of tactile tiles included through that funding source. Other stations are having tactile tiles installed directly. The funding for this is incorporated in the Station Renewal Program in Budget Paper 4.
- (c) Not applicable.

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

- (a) Is the canopy increases project continuing?
- (b) If so, what is the final estimated cost and the date of completion?
- (c) If not, why not?

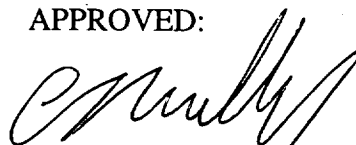
(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p111)

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The total cost of this project has not changed. The date for completion is the same as that listed in the 2000/01 Budget Papers.
- (c) Not applicable.

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No. 01LC58 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

Why is the construction of the dual tracks between Antienne to Muswellbrook delayed in completion, from 2001 to 2005?

Answer

I am advised that the Rail Infrastructure Corporation is engaged in ongoing consultation as part of this rail project.

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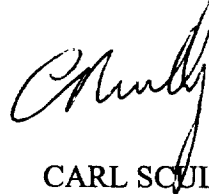
59. Mr Jobling asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully, MP—

What is involved in the \$8 million level crossing program?

Answer

The Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) advises the ongoing level crossing upgrade program involves the installation of flashing lights and bells, retro-fitting of boom gates, and advance warning lights at selected locations identified and prioritised by the NSW Level Crossing Strategy Council. The Council comprises representatives of the Department of Transport, the RTA, RIC and the Local Government and Shires' Association. In 2001/02, 25 level crossings will be upgraded.

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Dated 21 June 2001

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

What vehicles, plant and equipment are being purchased by the Rail Infrastructure Corporation for \$135.6 million over 4 years?

Answer

The Rail Infrastructure Corporation advises me of the following:

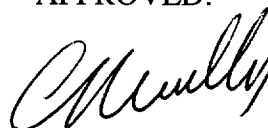
Major Plant replacement:

- Resleeping equipment, refurbishment and establishment of a second team with new equipment. Replacement of life-expired resurfacing equipment, Tie Tampers, Ballast Regulators and Dynamic Stabilisers with high production units.
- Replacement of 23 year-old Ballast cleaning units with a new Ballast cleaner (includes feed wagons and ancillary equipment).
- Replace life-expired support equipment in accordance with policy. These items include tractors, loaders, forklifts, dumpers, and other off road equipment.

Motor Vehicle replacement:

- Replacement of approximately 24 heavy trucks and road rail vehicles with km's exceeding 300,000 in Year 1.
- Replacement of 47 heavy trucks and road rail vehicles with km's exceeding 200,000 in Year 1.
- Replacement of 75 light commercial vehicles with km's exceeding 200,000 in Year 1.
- Ongoing replacement of fleet of approximately 1,500 vehicles in accordance with current Board approved policy.

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

What is involved in the \$16.25 million information technology program at the Rail Infrastructure Corporation Head Office?

Answer

The Rail Infrastructure Corporation advises that IT equipment is being replaced in the normal course of business. Each proposal is subject to normal approval processes.

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

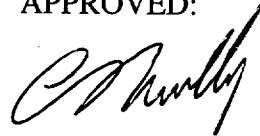
In relation to 'Advertising'

- (1) For each of your portfolio agencies:
- (a) How much money was spent on advertising in 2000-01?
 - (b) What is the estimate of money to be spent on advertising in 2001-02?
 - (c) Can you please provide a list of each campaign and cost for (a) and (b)?

Answer

- (1)(a-c) All advertising is undertaken in accordance with government guidelines for advertising. The exact cost will depend on the nature and scope of advertising identified for 2001-02.

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EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC63 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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


In relation to 'Consultants'

- (1) For each of your portfolio agencies:
 - (a) How much was spent on consultants in 2000-01?
 - (b) What is the estimate of money to be spent on consultants in 2001-02?
 - (c) Can you please provide a list of each consultant, project and cost?

Answer

- (1) (a-b) The cost of consultants is reflected in the Annual Report of all agencies.
 - (c) Refer to the Annual Report.

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No. 01LC64 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

In relation to 'Performance pay for public servants'

- (1) For each of your portfolio agencies, how much money was spent on performance pay for public servants in 1999-2000, and 2000-01?
- (2) Did you personally approve these bonus payments?

Answer

- (1) On 28 August 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2000-21 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.

- (2) Approvals for performance payments as well as all other remuneration to members of the Senior Executive Service were made by the respective Chief Executive Officers.

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No. 01LC65 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

In relation to 'Appointments to boards and committee'

- (1) In 2000-01, how many board appointments were made by you, or by your portfolio agencies?
- (2) Of these appointments:
 - (a) How many were women?
 - (b) How many were of people from a non-English speaking background?
 - (c) How many people were with a disability?
 - (d) How many were Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders?
 - (e) How many were young people?

Answer

- (1) The Government provided a detailed response to Question 1312 in December 2000.
- (2) (a-e) Refer to previous answers on the notice paper regarding these issues.

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No. 01LC66 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

In relation to 'Fees and fines'

- (1) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01, what fees and fines were increased, and by how much?
- (2) In 2001-02, what is the forecast for fees and fines to be increased, and by how much?

Answer

Fee increases are originated within agencies on an annual or periodic basis and are referred to Parliament's Regulation Review Committee for consideration. Most increases fall within the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Fines are set under the relevant legislation and are usually subject to annual CPI adjustments.

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No. 01LC67 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

In relation to 'Public relations'

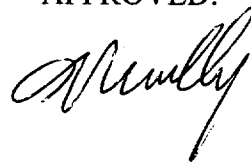
- (1) (a) In 2000-01, for each of your portfolio agencies, how many media or public relations advisers were employed?
- (b) What is the total cost of this?
- (c) What is the forecast for 2001-02 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed, and their total cost?
- (2) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01, how much was spent on public opinion surveys?
- (b) What was the breakdown for the cost of these surveys?

Answer

(1)(a-c) Staff numbers will vary from time to time depending on leave or peak periods.

(2)(a-b) On 20 December 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2000-28 was issued indicating that under no circumstances should surveys of clients, other users of government services or citizens be used to elicit information of a political nature.

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EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC68 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

In relation to 'Legal expenses'

- (1) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies, in 2000/01, how much was spent on legal expenses?
- (b) What was the breakdown for these expenses?
- (2) In 2000/01, how much did you spend on legal expenses?

Answer

- (1)(a-b) Expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances, the need for such expenditure and within appropriate guidelines.

In the case of core work for public sector agencies the Crown Solicitor meets these costs.

- (2) Expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances and the need for such expenditure.

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No. 01LC69 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

In relation to 'Ministerial expenses'

- (1) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000/01, how much was spent on public opinion surveys?
(b) What was the breakdown for the cost of these surveys?
- (2) (a) How many Ministerial Staff are currently employed by you?
(b) What is the total salary cost of these staff?
- (3) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01, how much was spent on office fitouts and refurbishments?
(b) What is the estimated cost for 2001-02?
- (4) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000/01, how much was spent on the cost of leases in the Sydney CBD?
(b) What is the estimated cost for 2001-02?
- (5) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01, was there any vacant or under-utilised office space?
(b) If so, how much did this cost?
- (6) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01, how much was spent on the salary packages for Senior Executive Service?
(b) What is the estimated cost for 2001-02?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p18-24)

Answer

- (1)(a-b) On 20 December 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2000-28 was issued indicating that under no circumstances should surveys of clients, other users of government services or citizens be used to elicit information of a political nature.
- (2)(a) Ministerial staff are employed by the Director General of the Premier's Department in accordance with the provisions of the Public Sector Management Act 1989.
(b) All costs were in accordance with the expenditure necessary to facilitate the effective functioning of the office and within allocations to Ministerial Offices.

- (3)(a) All expenditure was in accordance with guidelines and procedures for office fit-outs and refurbishment.
- (b) This will depend on the nature and extent of any changes to office fit-outs and refurbishment.
- (4)(a) Expenditure on lease of government office accommodation followed careful review of the particular circumstances and needs of agencies. The Government Asset Management Committee (GAMC) oversees policy of government accommodation.
- (b) This will depend on a range of factors and it is too early in the financial year to estimate expenditure. The GAMC will oversee leasing issues.
- (5)(a-b) The GAMC oversees all asset management in the NSW public sector. The GAMC ensures that all agencies adopt a strategic approach to property management.
- (6)(a) Salary packages for the Senior Executive Service are set by the Statutory and Other Officers Tribunal. Current bands for each level are:
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| Level 8 | \$258,000 to \$318,315 |
| Level 7 | \$218,615 to \$276,135 |
| Level 6 | \$181,960 to \$219,510 |
| Level 5 | \$158,840 to \$194,770 |
| Level 4 | \$145,350 to \$169,420 |
| Level 3 | \$132,410 to \$155,575 |
| Level 2 | \$118,675 to \$137,145 |
| Level 1 | \$109,225 to \$127,130 |
- (b) This will depend on the number of SES officers employed and their current point within the particular range.

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No. 01LC70 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (1) Where the 2000-01 Parramatta to Chatswood rail link – capital grant is shown as \$75.392 million for previous financial year, and the 2001-02 grant is show as \$59 million.

On what grounds can a cut back in annual provision of some 20% in funding be justified for this essential project?

- (2) Where the 2000-01 Budget Contribution to transitways is shown as \$15 million for the previous financial year, and the 2001-02 contribution is shown as \$10 million.

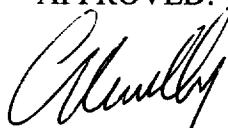
On what grounds can a cut back in annual provision of some 50% in funding be justified for this barely commenced project?

(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p20)

Answer

- (1) Planned expenditure on this project is up to \$145 million in 2001/02, comprising \$28 million to be carried over from 2000/01 in addition to the \$59 million funding allocated in this Budget. The balance of the funding as required, will be drawn from borrowings offset by future years' allocations from the Government.
- (2) The Transitways Program is funded by both the RTA and the Department of Transport. The combined allocation for Transitways in 2000/01 from both sources was \$51.6 million. In 2001/02 it is \$67.1 million. This is no way reflects a cut back, rather, the allocation has increased by 30%.

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No. 01LC71 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

Where reference is made to the Government's continuing commitment to the integrated transport plan, "Action for Transport 2010" and the emphasis on the plan as it "reduces car dependency and improves air quality".

Given that the Government has drastically cut back the extent and funding of the Parramatta to Chatswood rail link and reduced funding support to the Liverpool to Parramatta transitway consequently severely delaying the entry into service dates for these projects, how can the Minister justify this significant failure to "reduces car dependency and improves air quality"?

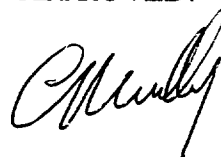
(Relevant area in the budget papers: Budget Paper No. 4, p84)

Answer

The Government is committed to reducing car dependency and improving air quality. Planned expenditure on the Parramatta to Chatswood rail link is up to \$145 million in 2001/02 to ensure additional rail services commence by 2006. Additional rail services in this corridor will promote the use of public transport by linking employment and education centres.

This Government is increasing its expenditure on the Liverpool to Parramatta transitway (LPT) by 30% to \$67.1 million in 2001/02 and the project is expected to be completed by 2003. The LPT will provide a frequent, safe and reliable new public transport option for the communities of Western Sydney.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE No 4**

**2001 BUDGET ESTIMATES
TRANSPORT AND ROADS PORTFOLIOS**

QUESTION ON NOTICE No 72

Mr Jobling asked:

- (1) Where reference is made to the Cross City Tunnel, given that this project is referred to as "Proposed Private Sector Funding" and is specifically given no completion date, is this an indication of another capital works project that is a figment of the Minister's imagination like the Parramatta-Epping section of the Parramatta-Chatswood rail link and the Bondi rail link?
- (2) Given that the East Distributor untolled southern direction is carrying three times the traffic that the tolled northern direction is carrying, does the Minister really believe that motorists will be willing to pay a higher toll both ways on the cross city tunnel?
- (3)
 - (a) Does the Minister believe that private sector funding will be available for what will be at \$200 million per kilometer the most expensive road ever in Australia and will require a toll well in excess of what motorists have already demonstrated is beyond an amount that they will pay?
 - (b) If the private sector is not prepared to fund this \$400 million extravaganza, will the Minister fund the project from the public purse or will the project be cancelled?
 - (c) If the project is publicly funded, from what other project will the funds be diverted?

ANSWER

- (1) The Cross City Tunnel Project will bring major improvements to travel flow in the city CBD with 78,000 vehicles being taken off Central Sydney streets every day, reducing stop-start traffic and exhaust emissions.

Detailed proposals were called from 3 shortlisted proponents on 8 June 2001. Formal planning approval is expected in the near future. The government is getting on with delivering this important project.

- (2) The Cross City Tunnel will bring significant travel time improvements to motorists. The expectation is that the proposed tolling regime will facilitate appropriate patronage of the tunnel and will enable this important

infrastructure to be brought on line much earlier than would have otherwise been the case.

Patronage risk is transferred to the Tollway concessionaire and this issue will again be analysed as part of assessment of private sector proposals received for the project.

(3)

(a) See response to question 2

(b) The Cross City Tunnel is an important project that will bring significant community benefits.

Detailed proposals have been called for the project and the successful proposal will establish the cost of the project which is expected to be funded by the proposed toll. It is anticipated that the 3 shortlisted proponents will submit proposals.

As a result funding the project from the public purse or cancellation of the project is not a consideration for Government.

(c) See (b) above.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE No 4**

**2001 BUDGET ESTIMATES
TRANSPORT AND ROADS PORTFOLIOS**

QUESTION ON NOTICE No 73

Mr Jobling asked:

Where reference is made to the Government's commitment to invest an average of \$160 million per annum for roads in western and south western Sydney. For the last five years what has been the average investment in roads in eastern Sydney (ie east of Parramatta) given construction such as the Eastern Distributor, the M5 East (Mascot to Beverly Hills), the Western Distributor (Kent Street to King Street), planning for the cross city tunnel, widening of Southern Cross Drive and other road works in the east of Sydney?

ANSWER

The people of Campbelltown and Liverpool (ie. the main beneficiaries of the construction of the M5 East) would no doubt find it puzzling that the Opposition considers them to be in 'eastern Sydney'. The Eastern Distributor was also a privately financed project and therefore there is no direct comparison between its funding and the Government funded projects in Western Sydney as part of the more than the \$160 million per annum invested by the Carr Labor Government (more than double the expenditure of the previous Coalition Government).

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EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC74 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

With reference to page 87 of the Western Sydney Budget Statement 2001-02 and the reference to "\$25 million on the posting of security guards on every CityRail train from 7pm until the service closes each night".

- (1) Does this commitment cover the entire CityRail network including the Hunter and the Illawarra?
- (2) What proportion of the CityRail fleet operates in Western Sydney from 7pm until the service closes each night?

Answer

The State Rail Authority advises me of the following:

- (1) This is already an operational policy of CityRail's.
- (2) Train carriages and sets are timetabled in accordance with operational and maintenance requirements.

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EXTRACT from Questions and Answers in the Legislative Council

No. 01LC75 ESTIMATES

Dated 21 June 2001

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

- (1) Why is the Government employing several new executive managers in the Department of Transport which effectively doubles the number of senior executive staff employed by the department?
- (2) Wouldn't the large salaries of approximately \$200,000 to be paid to these executives better spent on employing more maintenance staff and other operational staff?

Answer

- (1) The creation of new senior executive positions in Transport NSW has not resulted in a doubling of the number of senior executive staff employed in the Department. Prior to the recent realignment of Transport NSW, the Department had 10 notional SES positions approved by the Premier's Department. Effective from 17 May 2001 the Department's notional number of SES positions was increased to 12.
- (2) There are only two senior executive positions in the Department that have a salary range in excess of \$200,000, and this level was in accordance with the approved job evaluation methodology of Cullen Egan & Dell and reflects the portfolio wide responsibilities of these roles. The two officers appointed to these positions were offered the positions within the range \$181,969 to \$219,510. It is generally accepted practice that offers of appointment in Transport NSW are made at the minimum range for the position level.

It is important to recognise that to achieve better transport outcomes for New South Wales, it is essential to have a balance of both executives with the right skill set to provide leadership and strategic direction, as well as maintenance and operational staff.

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