

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 98-102

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

98. Have you ever used Uber?

(a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?

99. Have you or anyone in your office used Uber services travelling to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?

(a) Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?

100. Have you or anyone in your office sought reimbursement for using Uber services to travel to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?

(a) What is the value of those reimbursements?

101. Have you used Airbnb?

102. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

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QUESTION: 103

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

103. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?

(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I have never chartered a helicopter.

Expenditure on charter flights for the Ministry totalled \$33,270 in 2014/15. This compares with 2009/10 expenditure of \$282,000.

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QUESTION: 104

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

104. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

None.

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QUESTION: 105

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

105. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form:

- (a) The names of the firms utilised
- (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged
- (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
- (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
- (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
- (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company
- (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport cluster expenditure on labour hire firms is generally engaged via prequalified suppliers, as per Board Direction 2012-02: Obligation by government agencies to use whole of government contracts.

NSW Procurement publishes data on labour hire spend each month on its website.

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QUESTION: 106 - 108

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

106. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?

107. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

108. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/ agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

106. The number of media staff is commensurate with agency requirements.

107. There are no plans to change the current arrangements.

108. The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement. The total cost of the whole of government service in 2014/15 was \$1,775,042 compared to \$2,394,973 in 2009/10.

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QUESTION: 109

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

109. Have you had media training or speech training? (a) If yes, who paid for it? (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

ANSWER:

No.

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QUESTION: 110 - 118

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

110. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Hartcher in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

111. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Stoner in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

112. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Tim Owen in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

113. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Craig Baumann in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

114. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Cornwell in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

115. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Spence in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

116. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Darren Webber in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

117. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Garry Edwards in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

118. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Bart Bassett in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals are published in accordance with Memorandum 2015-07 Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

The Government has disclosed 3,934 meetings since the policy commenced in July 2014.

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QUESTION: 119-120

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

119. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?

(a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?

(b) Was there a tender process for these projects?

120. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?

(a) If yes, what is their role in the project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

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QUESTION: 121

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

121. How much have the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spent in legal costs?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Consultancy payments disclosed in the annual report include legal consultancy engagements.

A substantial proportion of the 2014- 2015 legal expenditure was for transport projects.

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QUESTION: 122

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

122. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice:

- a) Social media
 - i. And the cost of these services
- (b) Photography
 - i. And the cost of these services
- (c) Acting training
 - i. And the cost of these services
- (d) Ergonomics
 - i. And the cost of these services

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

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QUESTION: 123

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

123. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?

(a) Of these redundancies, how many were:

i. Voluntary

ii. Forced

(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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(a) All redundancies were voluntary.

(b) The total cost of redundancies in the Transport Cluster was \$66.4 million.

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QUESTION: 124

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

124. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?

(a) What was the nature of these works/services?

(b) What was the total cost of these works or services?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Staff who have received a redundancy are required to comply with the relevant provisions of the *Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014* and the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Managing Excess Employees Policy.

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QUESTION: 125

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

125. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

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QUESTION: 126

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

126. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?

(a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

A total of 48 staff were dismissed for performance or misconduct reasons.

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QUESTION: 127

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

127. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

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QUESTION: 128

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

128. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Provision of indoor plant hire is included in the facilities management contract with DTZ. Payments to suppliers are made by DTZ therefore a detailed breakdown of costs is not available.

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QUESTION: 129

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

129. How much did Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015?

(a) How much of these bills were alcohol?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

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QUESTION: 130

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

130. Were instances of internal fraud detected by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?

(a) What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Fraudulent activity is dealt with in accordance with the Code of Conduct. When fraudulent activity is detected, appropriate disciplinary and recovery action is taken.

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QUESTION: 131

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

131. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?

(a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?

(b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?

(c) What was the total cost of insurance claims and repairs?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Transport cluster fleet is in line with operational requirements, and is managed in line with the Motor Vehicle Policy which can be found on the StateFleet website.

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QUESTION: 132

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

132. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Expenditure on newspaper and journal subscriptions incurred by TfNSW during 2014/15 is in line with operational requirements.

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QUESTION: 133

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

133. How many SES employees are employed within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio?

(a) What is their remuneration band?

(b) For each SES employee, how many have:

- i. 0 staff reporting to them;
- ii. less than 2 staff reporting to them; and
- iii. less than 5 staff?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding SES employees is available in agency annual reports.

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QUESTION: 134

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

134. How many sick days, leave days or days attributable to workers compensation were lost for each department/agency within your portfolio responsibility during 2014-15 for:

- (a) workplace bullying;
- (b) stress leave; and
- (c) sick leave?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Sick leave is managed in accordance with the relevant Human Resources policies and procedures.

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QUESTION: 135

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

135. Do any of the departments/agencies under your portfolio area employ actors for staff training?

(a) If so, what is:

- i. the size of the contract for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
- ii. the term of the contracts for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
- iii. the tender numbers for each of the contracts?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Contract 420436 "Provision of actor services for assessment centre" is for the engagement of professional role-players to be used in the assessment of staff being recruited into positions.

Front line staff are taken through rigorous assessment to make sure they're tested in a variety of real situations, including dealing with customers who are sick, agitated or lost.

Last year we had more than 7500 applicants for front line and customer service roles, and actors were used to test many of these applicants. We want only the best people working with our customers - whether they're bus drivers, station staff, transport officers or guards.

The use of actors in this way has been in place since around 2005 – it's considered a best practice tool in recruitment assessment centres used across government and the private sector.

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QUESTION: 136 - 140

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

136. What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:

- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine/private car hire
- (c) Hire car rental

137. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?

138. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Uber services?

- (a) Were any of these payments for UberX services?

139. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?

140. Did any officers within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio use charter aircraft during the year 2014-2015?

- (a) If so what was the purpose and cost?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

136. Expenditure on taxis and hire cars is monitored in accordance with NSW Premier's Department memoranda and Treasury directions.

137. No.

138. No reimbursements have been for UberX services.

139. No.

140. Details regarding travel costs are published in the Annual Report.

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QUESTION: 141

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

141. Departmental/Agency IT

(a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on iTunes?

i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The total Transport for NSW expenditure in 2014-15 for iTunes was \$118.74 (including GST). Purchases include Microsoft Word, TripView and iPad educational software.

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QUESTION: 142

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

142. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?
(a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on Android?
i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The department does not procure Android devices for general use by staff.

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QUESTION: 143

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

143. How many Department/agency mobile phones, tablets and laptops were replaced due to loss or damage during 2014-2015?
(a) What was the total cost of replacing these items?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Records are not kept in a format compatible with extracting the specific information requested regarding reason for device replacement. Devices that are damaged due to user error are repaired locally by the user or user's department and paid for with purchasing cards when a repair is more cost effective than purchasing a new device.

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QUESTION: 144

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

144. Did any staff within departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?

(a) If so, how many times did this occur?

i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Mobile devices are provided in circumstances where there is a demonstrated business need. Employees are accountable for all calls, internet and SMS from any mobile telephone assigned to them. Given that mobile devices are supplied for official use only, it is a requirement that any private use of a mobile telephone is at the cost of the officer concerned.

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QUESTION: 145 - 150

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

145. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?

146. What is the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2015/16 financial year?

147. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:

- (a) 2014/15 financial year
- (b) 2013/14 financial year
- (c) 2012/13 financial year?

148. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:

- (a) 2014/15 financial year
- (b) 2013/14 financial year
- (c) 2012/13 financial year?

149. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:

- (a) 2014/15 financial year
- (b) 2013/14 financial year
- (c) 2012/13 financial year?

150. For the 2015/16 financial year:

- (a) What savings measures will the Department save?
- (b) What is the expected saving to be achieved for each measure?
- (c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
- (d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

In the 2015-16 Budget, the Government has committed to deliver savings by implementing further efficiency and savings measures as well as policies to eliminate duplication in Government operations and reduce procurement costs.

Savings measures are detailed in the Budget Papers.

Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. The number of voluntary redundancies achieved by May 2015 was almost double the Government's original target of 5,000 positions by June 2015, as announced in the 2011/12 Budget. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

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QUESTION: 151-153

ASKED BY: Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

151. Will the state government guarantee repayment of the commonwealth loan to Sydney Motorway Corporation or will repayment of the loan depend on SMCs traffic/revenue.

152. If the latter, what levels of traffic and revenue will be required to meet the debt repayments?

153. Are these set out in the terms of the loan agreement?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government is currently finalising the loan arrangements in relation to delivery of the New M5.

More information on the \$2 billion concessional loan will be confirmed after the loan is finalised.

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QUESTION: 154-155

ASKED BY: Dr Peter Phelps MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

154. Given that, in the two hours of questioning by Labor and Green members of GPSC2, only:

- (a) One matter that involved a location outside of Sydney-Newcastle-Wollongong was raised; and
- (b) Only eight questions in the entire time were directed to matters outside of a metropolitan geographic triangle defined by Hornsby, Botany and Strathfield;

155. And given that the first hour of questions by Labor and Greens member of GPSC2 did not involve a single issue outside of an area defined by Strathfield, Rozelle and Tempe, What does this indicate about the interests and policy priorities of Labor and the Greens?

ANSWER:

It's an insult to the Bush. I would suggest they buy a map.

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QUESTION: 156

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

156. Budget 2015-16 Infrastructure Statement claims the NSW Government will contribute \$560 million to NorthConnex, including \$410 million from the Restart NSW fund. The 2014-15 budget papers allocated \$502 million (with \$400 million from Restart NSW). Why has the budget increased?
(a) What is the \$58 million for?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This information is available in the NSW Budget Papers and 2014 Half Yearly review.

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QUESTION: 157

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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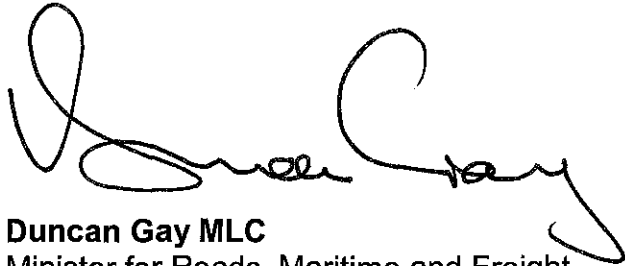
QUESTION:

157. Could the government provide information about any cycleway infrastructure being built as part of the NorthConnex project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel and a cycleway is not planned to be built as part of the project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Gay', with a large loop at the end.

Duncan Gay MLC
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

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QUESTION: 158

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

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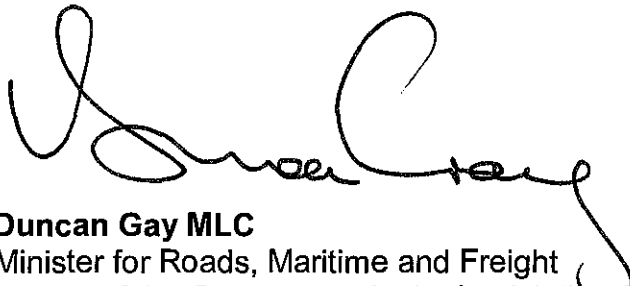
QUESTION:

158. What roads are being considered for clearways as part of the \$100 million allocated for the expanded clearways program?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Sydney clearways strategy is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Gay', with a large loop at the end.

Duncan Gay MLC
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

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QUESTION: 159

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

159. How much of the Federal Government's \$2 billion concessional loan has been spent or allocated to specific contracts?
(a) What are those contracts?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government is currently finalising the loan arrangements in relation to delivery of the New M5.

More information on the \$2 billion concessional loan will be confirmed after the loan is finalised.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE -BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 160

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

160. Has there been a process undertaken to thoroughly evaluate the companies that are receiving government contracts that have recently settled out of court for allegedly providing incorrect or incomplete traffic data?
(a) What is that process?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Companies that have received contracts are selected and evaluated in accordance with NSW Government procurement guidelines.

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QUESTION: 161

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

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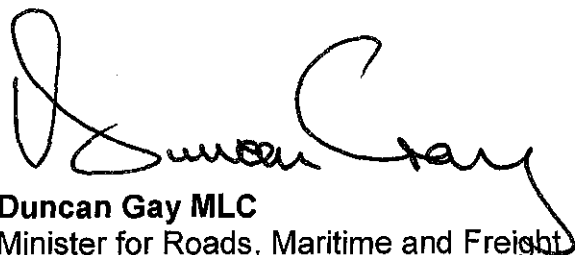
QUESTION:

161. What changes have been made to the WestConnex project governance and accountability structure due to the merging of the Sydney Motorway Corporation and the WestConnex Delivery Authority?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer LA 584 and the Treasurer's previous answer LA 710.



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QUESTION: 162

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

162. Has RMS or the WestConnex Delivery Authority projected a profit or a loss from the lease or sale of properties that have been acquired due to the WestConnex project, but that may not be used for the project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Compulsory property acquisition is conducted in line with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* No 22. The disposal of surplus land is conducted in accordance with Treasurer's Direction 469.01.

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QUESTION: 163

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

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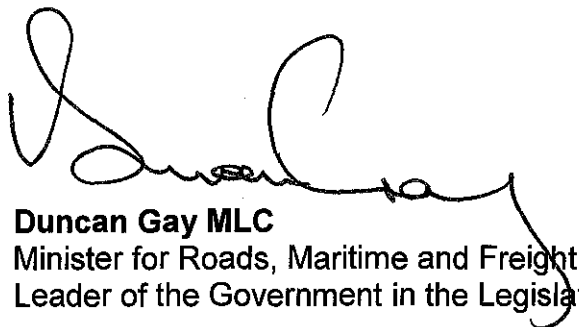
QUESTION:

163. What plans are there to mitigate the traffic congestion on the City West Link after Stage 1 of the Westconnex project opens?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Detailed traffic and transport assessments are included in the environmental impact statement for the M4 East on the NSW Government Planning & Environment website.



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QUESTION: 164

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

164. What projects are included in Traffic Management Upgrade Works, referred to in Infrastructure Statement pages 2 - 2, 3 - 2, 3 - 5, 3 - 6?

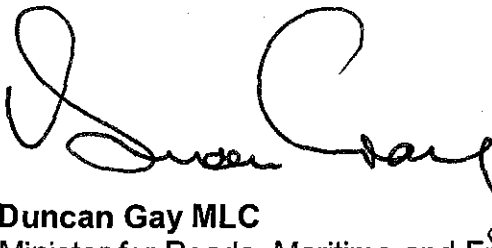
(a) What projects are contained in Packages 1, 2 and 3 of the Easing Sydney's Congestion, Urban Roads Pinch Points Program? (Budget Paper page 10 - 5, Infrastructure Statement pages 2 - 4, 2 - 11, 4 - 6, 5 - 57)

(b) What public transport improvements are planned for Sydney Airport? (Infrastructure Statement page 4-7)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information on the Pinch Point Program and on the upgrades to roads around Sydney Airport is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.



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QUESTION: 165

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

165. If the traffic volumes are less than forecast in the confidential WestConnex business case, will the government protect the taxpayer from potential large losses?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has no plans to cover any potential loss from toll revenue.

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QUESTION: 166

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

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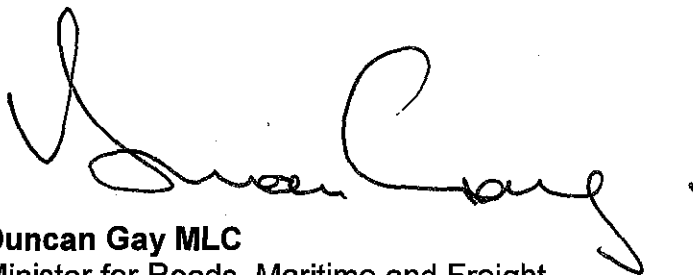
QUESTION:

166. Will the NSW Government guarantee that it will not provide additional subsidies to attract a buyer if the traffic volumes are less than forecast?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please see my answer to Question 165.

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QUESTION: 167

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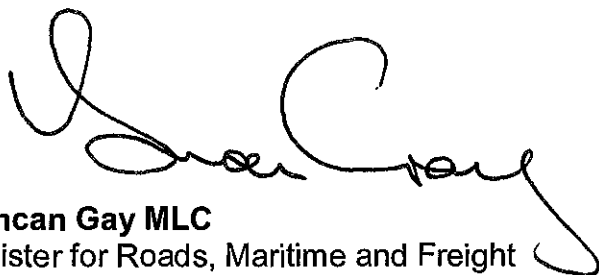
167. Will the NSW Government provide additional funding for the third stage of Westconnex if revenue from the sale of the Stage 1 and 2 is insufficient to fund Stage 3?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Government funding for WestConnex includes \$1.8 billion from Restart NSW, a \$1.5 billion Federal grant, and a \$2 billion Federal concessional loan to accelerate Stage 2, the New M5.

The majority of the \$15 billion WestConnex motorway will be funded through private sector financing and a user-pays toll system.



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QUESTION: 168

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

168. What is the current cost estimate for Stage 3?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to my previous answer LA 287.

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QUESTION: 169

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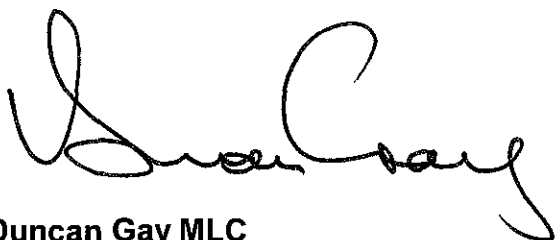
169. How much has the government committed to the Pinch Points Program in the following years:

- (a) 2015/2016
- (b) 2014/2015
- (c) 2013/2014
- (d) 2012/2013
- (e) 2011/2012

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to Infrastructure Statements in the NSW budget papers.



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QUESTION: 170

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QUESTION:

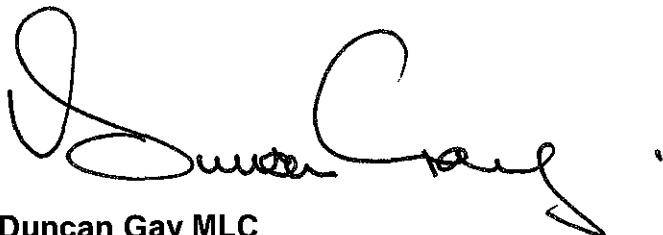
170. How much has the government spent on the Pinch Points Program in the following years:

- (a) 2015/2016
- (b) 2014/2015
- (c) 2013/2014
- (d) 2012/2013
- (e) 2011/2012

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to Infrastructure Statements in the NSW budget papers.

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QUESTION: 171 - 172

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

171. The Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan involves a new motorway on Elizabeth Drive to get from the M7 to the Badgerys Creek Airport site. What alternatives were considered for this \$1.25 billion project?

(a) What were the various options and were cost benefit analyses for all these options?

172. Will the motorway on Elizabeth Drive be tolled?

(a) If so, what will the toll be?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information on the project is available on the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and Roads and Maritime Services websites.

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QUESTION: 173

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

173. Why did the previous parliament's Road Access Pricing Inquiry never report?

(a) How much did it cost to conduct this inquiry?

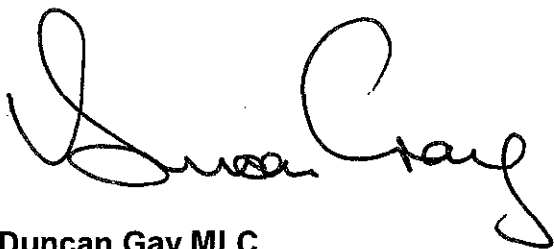
(b) Were any members of this committee sent on taxpayer-funded trips to conduct investigations?

(c) If so, could you please provide information about any trips, including costs and locations visited?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The inquiry was conducted by a Legislative Assembly committee. This is a matter for the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.



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QUESTION: 174 & 175

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

174. In what capacity has RMS been involved in the delivery of the North West Rail Link Project?

175. Has RMS issued a show-cause notice to Transport for NSW during the delivery of the project? If yes,

- (a) Why was the show-cause notice issued and what was it for?
- (b) What are the implications of this issue for the overall delivery of the project?
- (c) How much of the project delay is attributed to this?
- (d) Has the issue been resolved now?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has entered into a Works Authorisation Deed with Transport for NSW for the North West Rail Link Project (now the Sydney Metro Northwest) that commits the project to meet obligations to maintain efficiency and safety of the road network and assets.

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QUESTION: 176
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015
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QUESTION:

In response to a question on notice about tender proposals for the Arncliffe Pedestrian Tunnel the Minister said tenders were not needed as the project was being delivered under an "existing commercial arrangement". Could you please advise of what exactly this existing commercial arrangement is and what company or companies it involves?

(a) Is there a relationship between the high cost of projects and not sourcing them openly through competitive tendering?

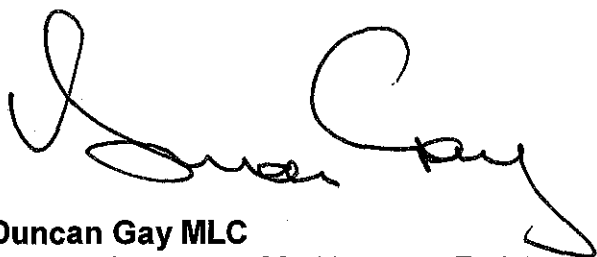
ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is delivering the project with Alliance partners John Holland and Bouygues Travaux Publics Australia.

Using the existing commercial arrangement with this alliance resulted in the project delivery time and costs being minimised as the existing project team were already mobilised and had the necessary skills, equipment and subject matter experts at their disposal to design and deliver this technically challenging infrastructure.

Transport for NSW also engaged an independent estimator to ensure that the proposed cost for delivery of the project, under the existing commercial arrangement, would be value for money and in line with similar projects. An independent party has also been appointed to perform monthly audits to ensure that costs are being managed effectively and the expenditure is value for money.



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QUESTION: 177-178
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015
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QUESTION:

177. Has average "green time" for pedestrians has increased or decreased in the CBD since the Coalition came into government in 2011?

178. At which intersections in the CBD as "green time" decreased?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There has been no reduction in the time allowed for pedestrians to cross at signalised intersections in the CBD. The pedestrian crossing time at traffic signals comprises of both a green pedestrian signal and a red flashing pedestrian signal.

In the CBD a number of measures have been implemented to improve pedestrian amenity including:

- increasing the opportunities per hour to cross the road at signalised intersections
- at some sites, the pedestrian cycle has been doubled, reducing the wait time to cross the road
- installing midblock pedestrian crossings, increasing the number of locations for pedestrians to safely cross the road.

The NSW Government also recently announced the rollout of hold arrows to protect pedestrians, and pedestrian countdown timers at signalised intersections to further improve pedestrian amenity and safety.

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QUESTION: 179

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

179. Two-thirds of the projects in the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy Infrastructure Program are road-freight projects, and only 1/3 are rail freight. Moreover, 73% of the fully-funded projects are road-freight. How does the government intend to reach the target of 28% rail share of containers moved through port?

- (a) Is this still the target?
- (b) Will the government reach the target in this term of government?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

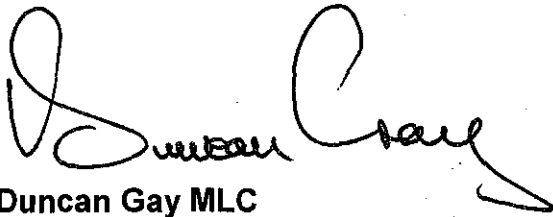
The Government maintains its 28% rail share target and since November 2014, the highest volumes of rail freight have been handled at Port Botany in five years.

The Cargo Movement Coordination Centre, established in 2014 in accordance with the objectives in the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy, has been working to increase freight rail by addressing issues around reliability, available intermodal terminal capacity, transit time and cost.

The 2015-16 Budget provides \$6 million for the Airport East Precinct project, which includes removal of the General Holmes Drive level crossing on the Port Botany freight rail line to allow freight trains to travel at increased speeds. The project will also involve building twin rail bridges over the Wentworth Avenue underpass, which will allow for future duplication of the rail line.

Customer education about the advantages of rail has led to the transition of major freight customers from road to rail. This includes Kmart, Bunnings and Officeworks, and the movement of Visy shipments from Melbourne to Sydney.

Capacity at intermodal terminals drives increased demand for rail over road. The NSW Government policy is to identify and protect land and freight corridors for future intermodal capacity.

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QUESTION: 180

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

180. What is the status of the Inland Rail project? What is the NSW Government doing to make sure this important freight connection is built?

- (a) The Inland Rail website says an Implementation Group will provide the delivery plan and business case for Inland Rail to the federal government by mid-2015. Is this project on track?
- (b) Given that most of this will be constructed in NSW, has the NSW government seen the plan and business case?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

(a) On 11 September 2015, the Inland Rail Implementation Group's Chair, the Hon John Anderson AO delivered the Final Report on the proposed Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail and the Australian Rail Track Corporation's 2015 Inland Rail Programme Business Case to the Hon. Warren Truss, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

Transport for NSW's Secretary is a member of the Australian Government's Inland Rail Implementation Group and Transport for NSW has been represented at meetings to date.

Transport for NSW has now established a NSW Interagency Steering Committee to provide a whole-of-government position to facilitate advancing the Inland Rail.

(b) Yes.

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QUESTION: 181

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

181. How the NSW government be ensuring that the new RiverCat ferries minimise impacts on the local environment along the Parramatta River?

(a) What strategies will the NSW government be undertaking to ensure that the current RiverCat services stop having such an adverse impact on the seawalls and the environment along the Parramatta River?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Causes of erosion include vessel wash, natural events such as severe storms, flooding, high tides, wind fetch and public access to sensitive foreshore areas.

Minimising vessel wash will be an important consideration when exploring design options for new ferries for the Parramatta River.

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QUESTION: 182-186

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

182. RMS commissioned Jetty Research to conduct a telephone opinion poll about a proposal by Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) to build the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE). The poll was undertaken in May 2015.

(a) What was the cost of conducting this poll?

(b) Who paid for the cost of the poll?

(c) Is it correct that the cost of the poll is being deducted from the NSW Government's grant of \$25 million towards the cost of the proposed road?

183. Who first suggested that the poll be undertaken? When was this suggestion raised?

184. What was the purpose of the opinion poll?

185. Is it unusual for RMS to conduct an opinion poll about a proposed road project before the consent authority has received and considered a report about the public consultation conducted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?

186. How often has RMS conducted opinion polling about proposed road projects? Please provide information about other similar polls that RMS (or its forerunner the RTA) conducted about proposed road projects in the past 10 years.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer LC 0129. Polling is a standard tool used by Roads and Maritime Services to evaluate the effectiveness and reach of the communications for projects. Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* there are requirements for consultation to be done with the community and other agencies in relation to infrastructure projects, including road projects.

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QUESTION: 187 - 191

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

187. In light of the fact that the Government has pledged \$25m towards the road recommended by the Technical Working Group, will the Minister seek an independent investigation into the composition and workings of the Technical Working Group to ensure:

- (a) due process was followed
- (b) any findings of that working group were both objective and provided the best long-term transport solution for Queanbeyan?

188. Will the government also pause any further expenditure on that proposed Ellerton Drive Extension road project until the outcome of that independent investigation is provided to Parliament?

189. Why has no business case has ever been prepared for a proposed road to which the NSW Government has pledged \$25 million in grant funding?

190. Is it common for the NSW Government to part-fund a major road that requires the destruction of endangered ecological communities and habitat for species listed as protected under NSW Threatened Species legislation, and construction so close to homes that major noise mitigation work would be required, without requiring a business case to be prepared?

191. What other major roads that the government has part-funded has it waived a requirement to prepare a business case?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

187. and 188. This is a matter for Queanbeyan City Council.

189. and 191. Business cases are prepared in line with NSW Treasury Guidelines.

190. All road projects must comply with relevant State and Federal legislation with regard to environmental and ecological requirements.

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QUESTION: 192

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

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QUESTION:

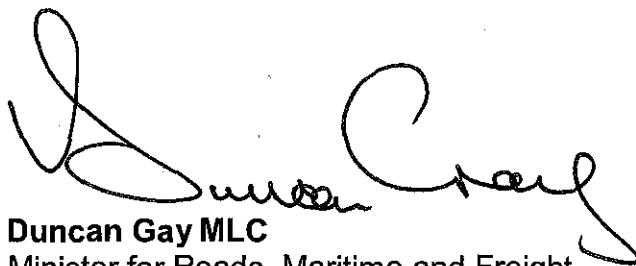
192. As the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension will carry B-doubles and other traffic directly through numerous suburbs built in Queanbeyan, will there be an objective and comprehensive social impact study of that road and the previously preferred road option associated with the latest Googong and Tralee developments, being Dunns Creek Road?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Queanbeyan City Council, the approval authority for the project, prepared and exhibited a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for public comment between December 2014 and February 2015.

Both the REF and a traffic study, which considers Dunns Creek Road, are available on the Queanbeyan City Council website.



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QUESTION: 193 & 194

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

193. Can the Minister confirm that the \$25 million of NSW Government funds pledged towards the cost of building the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension could be re-allocated to a new priority road if Queanbeyan City Council submitted a business case to the NSW Government?

194. What, if any, other requirements would Queanbeyan City Council need to meet for the NSW Government to agree to redirect the grant to a different road project which better meets the community's transport needs

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government's commitment is to the Ellerton Drive Extension. The project was proposed by Queanbeyan City Council.

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QUESTION: 195

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

195. Can you please outline expenditure of the NSW Bike Plan for 2015/16 Budget?

(a) Is this plan still being used?

(b) If no, does the government have plans to create a new one?

(c) What is being done for regional NSW given there is no state wide bike plan?

(d) Do the Regional Transport Plans have specific actions for specific regional cities?

(e) In Sydney's cycling future strategy it states that the needs of people on bikes will be included throughout the planning of new and upgraded road, rail, bus and interchange projects, including corridor protection and the provision of infrastructure when projects are designed or constructed?. Does the government support positive provision where all transport modes are considered when designing major infrastructure projects?

i. If so, why does the Government not have a publicly available mainstreaming policy like Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania?

(f) Will the following projects include bicycle infrastructure?

ii. Sydney Metro

iii. CBD and South East Light Rail

iv. WestConnex

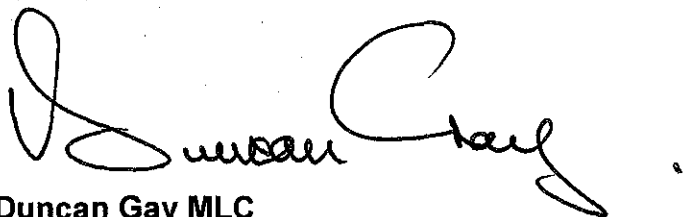
ANSWER:

I am advised:

Collectively, the *Long Term Transport Master Plan*, the ten *Regional Transport Plans* and *Sydney's Cycling Future* cover all of NSW and are supported by state-wide programs for cycling investment including the Priority Cycleways Program and a partnership funding program with Councils.

Further, *Regional Transport Plans* commit to a new Cycling Towns Program for identified NSW regional centres. The NSW Government is also rolling out the Priority Cycleways capital funding program beyond Metropolitan Sydney. This is the first time NSW regional centres have seen funding of this scale for cycling infrastructure from a NSW Government.

The NSW Government is committed to providing the best outcome for customers, including customers who walk and cycle. NSW public transport projects include consideration of bicycle parking and improved cycling access to stations and stops. Road projects will include consideration of new walking and cycling paths for local communities where new surface roads are built.

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QUESTION: 196
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015
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QUESTION:

196. What process did the government go through to decide not to construct a cycleway on the northern section of Castlereagh Street?

(a) Did you seek advice in making your decision to only have a cycleway for half of Castlereagh Street?

(b) Is the Government concerned that there is not a full north-south connection along this route?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Castlereagh Street cycleway is part of the NSW Government's commitment to implement a new integrated cycleway network as detailed in the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy.

The decision to defer completion of the northern section of the Castlereagh Street cycleway followed community feedback on the exhibited concept design. The Government aims to minimise disruption to road users where possible. For this reason, the north section of the Castlereagh Street cycleway will be constructed after the CBD and South East Light Rail construction is completed.

A north to south route will be in place before construction commences in the CBD. A new separated cycleway connection which is currently being built on Liverpool and Castlereagh streets will link the northern and southern ends of the CBD between the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Belmore Park via Castlereagh, Liverpool and Kent streets.

Updates on the Castlereagh Street cycleway are available on the Roads and Maritime website.

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QUESTION: 197

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

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QUESTION:

197. Following its roundtable on cycling safety and compliance, has the government ruled out compulsory ID and registration?

- (a) What measures has the government taken to improve bike rider safety following the round table?
- (b) Given the major mechanism for improving rider safety is investment in bike infrastructure, what recommendations came from the roundtable regarding investment in bike infrastructure?
- (c) Is it true that round table participants were advised that bike infrastructure was not to be discussed at the round table?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to improving the safety of all road users, including cyclists. That is why I asked the Centre for Road Safety to organise a roundtable with key road safety stakeholders, cycling groups and Government agencies to discuss a range of issues related to the safety, compliance and behaviour of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

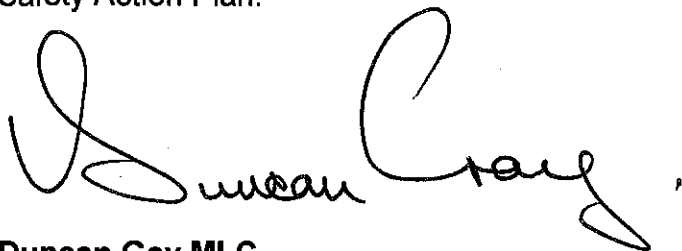
The Cycling Safety Roundtable considered issues including a minimum passing distance, identification of cyclists, road rules applying to cyclists, road user awareness of cyclists and insurance.

The discussions form part of the Government's implementation of the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-2016. This Plan includes actions to investigate, with stakeholders, strategies to increase bicycle rider compliance and to increase safer interactions between bicycle riders and other road users.

The Government is currently considering feedback from stakeholders involved in the roundtable and Centre for Road Safety advice to develop further initiatives to improve safety, compliance and respect between road users.

There are no current plans for registration of bicycles in NSW.

Bicycle infrastructure issues will continue to be a key focus of consultation with the delivery of the Sydney Cycling Future, Regional Transport Plans and the Cycling Safety Action Plan.

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QUESTION: 198-211

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

198. What is the purpose of the container throughput cap at Newcastle port?
199. What is the purpose of paying compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder if the container throughput cap at Newcastle port is exceeded during the term of the Port Botany lease?
200. How much compensation is payable to the Port Botany leaseholder per container if the container throughput cap is exceeded at Newcastle port?
201. What is the source of funds for paying compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder if the container throughput cap at Newcastle port is exceeded?
202. Are stevedore tenants of Newcastle port charged a fee for each container that exceeds the container throughput cap? If so, what is the amount?
203. Did the government decide not to put any funds in place to pay compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder if the container throughput cap is exceeded at Newcastle port because no extension will be allowed in the container throughput cap until an unspecified container throughput is reached at Port Botany and Port Kembla?
204. Is Minister Gay responsible for enforcing the container throughput cap at Newcastle port?
(a) If not, which Minister is responsible?
205. Has the government claimed an exemption from complying with the "Competition and Consumer Act 2010" in respect of Port Commitment Deeds?
206. How many Port Commitment Deeds are there?
207. Did the government provide the ACCC with all Port Commitment Deeds?
208. If not, did the government supply the ACCC with extracts of Port Commitment Deeds?

209. Do the ports lease arrangements prohibit the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle and enable the growth of container volumes through Newcastle servicing that region?

210. Did the government decide not to put any funds in place to pay compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder because no extension will be allowed in the container throughput cap at Newcastle port until an unspecified container throughput is reached at Port Botany and Port Kembla?

211. Has the government been clear that while general cargo will be allowed at Newcastle, there will be no extension until a specific number of containers is reached and exceeded in Port Botany and Port Kembla?

(a). If so, to whom has the government communicated this information?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This transaction was led by Treasury and should be referred to the Treasurer.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 212-216

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

212. One of the mitigation measures to prevent the local extinction of koalas near Ballina involves the planting of koala food trees, 50% of which will apparently be planted prior to highway construction. How long it is predicted to be before these trees reach maturity and are actually of use to the koala population?

213. The government has suggested any alternative route for the highway would delay the project by 2 years and add 60% more costs. What are these figures based on?

214. One of the federal conditions of approval requires a Population Viability Analysis (PVA) to be conducted to test whether the koala population is likely to survive the highway upgrade.

- (a) Has this been completed yet?
- (b) If not, when is it likely to be completed?
- (c) Will it be made available for public comment or review?
- (d) When will it go to the expert scientific review group established by the government to consider impacts on the koala from the upgrade?

215. Is RMS considering alternative routes for the highway in the event that the PVA shows the existing route will cause a local extinction and cannot therefore proceed under federal approval conditions

- (a) If not, why not?

216. As part of the offsets proposed for the Pacific Highway Upgrade, expressions of interest have been invited. Do any of these expressions of interest include planting of vegetation types that will support koalas, and whether any are proposed in the Blackwall Range area?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services will plant 130 hectares of koala food trees on Roads and Maritime owned land near the new highway corridor. At least 50 per cent will be planted before major work starts, and the remainder after building work finishes.

Roads and Maritime also invited rural landowners, within 100 kilometres of the Woolgoolga to Ballina project, to be a part of a biodiversity offsets program. This included identifying suitable koala habitat between Broadwater and Collgardie.

Further information on the biodiversity offset program, information on the approved route, alternative route options and the PVA, are all available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

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QUESTION: 217

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

217. The Roads, Maritime and Freight Minister in the Estimates hearing stated that over 6,000 people use Tibby Cotter Bridge each week. Could you please provide patronage figures for the bridge each day since its opening (27 February 2015)?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

A recent RMS survey indicated that more than 6,000 people used the bridge over the 6 day survey period that did not include any major events – an average of over 1,000 users a day. In addition, since it was opened, more than 38,000 people have used the bridge during major events.



Duncan Gay MLC
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE -BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 218

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 31 August 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 24 September 2015

QUESTION:

218. Could you please provide the following information about the Sydney City Centre Capacity Improvement Plan:

- (a) Total cost, including planning, design, consultation, construction, evaluation?
- (b) Amount paid to Parsons Brinckerhoff for the ?Traffic and transport specialist study?
- (c) How/when the project will be evaluated to determine if its objectives/targets have been met, and what action will be taken if they are not.
- (d) Whether approval was obtained from the Heritage Council, given the impacts on the heritage values of Macquarie St and College St?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- (a) and (b) The expected costs of the project are around \$67 million which includes traffic and transport studies.
- (c) The project will be progressively evaluated against the prevailing traffic and transport conditions during the city's transformation. Stakeholder consultation will be ongoing and any necessary actions will be taken to maintain access to the Sydney city centre.
- (d) Approvals have been obtained from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and City of Sydney Council as part of due process. Heritage aspects were assessed and evaluated in the Review of Environmental Factors and determined in line with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*, with the project approval and Submissions Report.