

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
ESCALATION MEASURE M2**

**QUESTION:** QoN 1

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Minister, do you know what the escalation measure is on the M2?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We can get that for you.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is it 1 per cent or CPI?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will come back to you.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to my response to supplementary question 67.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
ESCALATION MEASURE M5**

**QUESTION:** QoN 2

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is it factual that on the M5 the escalator contained in the concession agreement is also escalated quarter by quarter, so quarterly CPI, and the toll cannot be lowered as a result of deflation? However, until inflation counteracts the deflation of the toll it cannot be increased?  
Mr KANOFSKI: I would have to take that detail on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to my response to supplementary question 67.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
CPI ON MOTORWAYS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**QUESTION:** QoN 3

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is it factual that on the Logan motorway in Queensland tolls are escalated annually at the Brisbane CPI?

Mr REARDON: We will take that on notice as well.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is it factual that on the Gateway, motorway tolls are escalated annually at the Brisbane CPI?

Mr REARDON: I believe if you are going to ask us about any other tolls in other jurisdictions we will probably give you the same response at this point in time. But we are happy to respond.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Thank you for the advice, but I am asking the question. Is it factual that on the Gateway, motorway tolls escalate annually at the Brisbane CPI?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

Questions on motorway tolls in Queensland are best directed to the Queensland Government.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
WIDENED M4 ANTICIPATED VOLUME**

**QUESTION:** QoN 4

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Minister, what is actually meant to be the starting day volumes on the toll, by the way, on the M4 widened section—day one? What is the anticipated volume?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: By "volume", what are you asking?

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: The number of, the average weekday volumes on day one on the widened M4 motorway east of James Ruse Drive section.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We might need to take that one on notice. I am sure it is in the business case but we are happy to take it on notice and come back with an answer.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: It is not in the business case. The only volumes that are contained in the business case are from 2031 onwards.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take it on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Can I refer you to the executive summary, which is page 39 of the business case, in which you say:

The traffic on the surface network along Victoria Road at Rydalmere and the Parramatta Road at Auburn is predicted to increase due to traffic growth generated and the introduction of the toll on the widened M4. What is the volume growth that is anticipated on those roads?

Mr KANOFSKI: To give you a precise number, I would have to take it on notice. But it is true and the EIS and the business case have been clear that a reintroduction of a toll when the M4 is widened and improved will mean that some people will choose to not use that toll road and will use other roads. What the EIS also makes clear is that we understand that issue and that appropriate mitigations will be put in place. We are required under the Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] to put in place appropriate mitigations, to have a plan that is to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I only have two minutes left so if you want to take that on notice, thank you for taking it on notice.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: Well, we are not taking it on notice, we answered it.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Mr Kanofski just said he was taking it on notice.

Mr KANOFSKI: No, I said if you want a precise answer to the number of vehicles it is in the EIS, which is obviously a very big document.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: On the third point on page 39 of the executive summary, when you say that Concord Road shows an increase in volume of 8,500

vehicles on an average weekday, is that also because of the introduction of the tolls?

Mr KANOFSKI: I would have to look to see whether that is precisely because of the introduction of the tolls. But, as I said to you before, it is very clear in the environmental impact statement and in the business case that, with the reintroduction of tolls, some people will exercise their right to drive on the free network, rather than on that toll road. We think the majority of people will take the toll road because the toll provides good value.

Mr REARDON: I will clarify that there are a range of numbers in the environmental impact statement [EIS] and the strategic business case and final business case that are on the public record already and we will refer to those where we may have taken things on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Forecast daily traffic volumes are provided in the M4 Widening Environmental Impact Statement.

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE SMC DIRECTORS REPORT**

**QUESTION:** QoN 5

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Then I will continue asking the questions. Mr Cliche, it is the case that the Sydney Motorway Corporation directors' report that I referred to was signed by the chair of SMC at the time, Mr Tony Shepherd, on 25 September 2015 and it is the case that the updated strategic business case was released in November 2015—four weeks away? Why was there a \$197 million discrepancy between the figures that were reported in that report and in the updated business case within those four weeks?

Mr KANOFSKI: I think I have already answered that question.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Did all the factors that Mr Kanofski just referred to present themselves in those four weeks?

Mr REARDON: I think we have answered that question.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: In terms of the answer that you provided, did all of the factors you just alluded to present themselves in those four weeks?

Mr KANOFSKI: It is not a question of whether they presented in those four weeks. All of the factors

I talked to are present on all projects at all times. There is nothing special about the fact that the cost estimate for a project—any Roads project—exceeds the amount of the design and construction contract. There is nothing special about that. That is completely normal and presents itself in fact at all times during every Roads project. The difference between those two dates is actually irrelevant to the issue.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: Mr Chairman, can I indicate that we will take questions on SMC on notice because, as I indicated earlier, it is outside the scope of budget estimates. We are happy to take them on notice and treat them appropriately.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
RUSSELL REVIEW RMS SUBMISSION**

**QUESTION:** QoN 6

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Did RMS participate in the Russell review—that is, did you provide a submission to Mr Russell or did you meet with Mr Russell?

Mr KANOFSKI: I am not clear on whether we met with Mr Russell at the time but RMS would certainly have been consulted as part of the process.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Did you provide a submission to the review?

Mr KANOFSKI: I would have to take that on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: If you did, could you provide a copy of the submission to the Committee?

Mr KANOFSKI: We will take it on notice.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take it on notice.

Mr KANOFSKI: I will take it on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: That there is a submission or that you will provide it to the Committee?

This is very Yes Minister, but I am asking a specific question.

Mr KANOFSKI: I am taking your question on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: My question is: Is there a submission?

Mr KANOFSKI: I am taking that on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: If there is a submission will you provide it to the Committee?

Mr KANOFSKI: I am taking that on notice as well.

**ANSWER:**

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SECURITY OFFICERS PROPERTY ACQUISITION WESTCONNEX**

**QUESTION:** QoN 7

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Are you able to provide on notice how much it cost for those security officers?

Mr KANOFSKI: Yes, we will take that question on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Security guards were present on the footpath when Sydney Motorway Corporation and Roads and Maritime Services employees door-knocked homes towards close of business hours in fading light in Rozelle on 18 July 2016. Sydney Motorway Corporation paid \$474 for security services on that occasion.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
AIR QUALITY STANDARDS**

**QUESTION:** QoN 8

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: That goes to my next question. Minister, did the Roads and Maritime Services [RMS] or the Sydney Motorway Corporation participate in the discussion in the lead-up to the Minister's decision in relation to air quality standards?

Mr KANOFSKI: We will take that question on notice.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: That is really a question for the Minister for the Environment—

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: No, it is not. We will come back to this Minister.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: —but we are happy to take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services attended a stakeholder meeting convened by the Environment Protection Authority in relation to the National Clean Air Agreement.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL**

**QUESTION:** QoN 9

**ASKED BY:** Dr MEHREEN FARUQI MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: What is the project development fund? How much is it?  
Mr KANOFSKI: The budget papers will outline what is allocated.  
Mr REARDON: Yes, it is in the budget papers. I just do not have the exact number.  
Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Could you take that on notice?  
Mr REARDON: Yes.  
The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will come back to you.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

In 2016-17, the budget allocation for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link Program is \$17,631,000.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
“A METRE MATTERS’ CYCLING FINES**

**QUESTION:** QoN 10

**ASKED BY:** Dr MEHREEN FARUQI MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Just on one of those rules, how many drivers have been fined for not passing cyclists at a safe distance since 1 March this year? Would you have figures on that?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I might have to go to the police, but can I say that it is one of the best things we have done—the Metre Matters. Cyclists, in particular, are feeling a lot more confident and, increasingly, car drivers are telling me it has removed a source of frustration. When there are two or three cyclists beside each other along a long incline with unbroken lines and they cannot pass they have felt frustrated. Now they can, provided it is safe, pass—they can cross the unbroken line.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Could you take that on notice, Minister?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: Yes. It has removed that frustration between the two, and that has got to be a great outcome. Do you not agree?

**ANSWER:**

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
LABEL FREE REGISTRATION - PENSIONERS**

**QUESTION:** QoN 11

**ASKED BY:** The Hon PAUL GREEN MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: Do your statistics put the pensioners in a category?

Mr KANOFSKI: No.

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: If you could do that for next season, Minister, for the next year, I would be interested in the pensioners being pinned for that particular situation.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will come back, in the questions that we take on notice, to see if our technology allows us to do that. Having said yes we will do it, it will be subject to being able to do it.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Less than one per cent of motorists have been fined for driving an unregistered vehicle in 2016. This means more than six million motorists pay their vehicle registration on time. Further information on this is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
FREIGHT PRIORITIES - COWRA**

**QUESTION:** QoN 12

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Paul Green MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: I will come back to that. I will stick with freight next. In light of the fact that in New South Wales our freight network generates, apparently, nearly \$60 billion a year for our State's economy, will the Minister please outline the priorities for the \$2 billion investment for the regional road freight corridors and what is the order for prioritising these particular corridors across New South Wales?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I will hand to Ms Gardiner-Barnes in a moment. The first thing we have done is to put Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie out to identify the main freight hubs, where we are going to put our intermodals, and the key, particularly in regional New South Wales, is to be able to identify that Intermodals have become the new black. Everyone wants one and local government and communities see that the best way to keep their community is to have an intermodal. Given that we have scarce resources that we are using to help these areas, we need to make sure that we pick the best strategic ones. So we are waiting for his report and, linked to that, we are doing two things that are new initiatives. One program is Fixing Country Roads and the other is Fixing Country Rail. Both of them have a high freight input into them, whether it is the first or last mile, and it is also dictated by getting outside funding put with ours—so local government, our money and some other body to be able to work with it. In fact, we have recently announced the first \$15 million of that Fixing Country Rail which, for the first time in a couple of decades, there is money going towards the reopening of a regional branch line.

That is the branch line that goes from the Southern line into Young and it potentially allows the whole of that line going in as far as Cowra. They are great initiatives and upping the freight quotient into it. Anything that we have not answered on that, we are more than happy to come back.

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: Particularly in Cowra, I would be very interested in that.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

The railway line that forms part of the NSW Country Regional Network that runs north from Demondrille is being progressed for reopening to Maimuru as part of the Fixing Country Rail pilot round. Further sections of the Cowra lines may be re-opened if demand for rail freight develops.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC SALE OF CONCESSION AGREEMENT**

**QUESTION:** QoN 13

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I know that detail. I am asking the question: Has the Sydney Motorway Corporation commenced preparation for the sale of the concession agreement to the private sector?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take that on notice. I refer you to my previous comments on the Sydney Motorway Corporation.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to the response given in the hearing.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**QUESTION:** QoN 14

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: The Sydney Motorway Corporation Pty Limited financial report 2014-15, signed by Mr Tony Shepherd on 25 September 2015, contains on page 27 a note that says, "key management personal compensation is as follows": short-term employee benefits \$1.4 million, post-employment benefits \$63,000. I am asking what precisely is the meaning of "post-employment benefits" and who receives it?

Mr REARDON: We made it clear on Sydney Motorway Corporation. We will take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Post-employment benefits represent statutory superannuation contributions.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SECURITY OFFICERS, ROZELLE**

**QUESTION:** QoN 15

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Minister, I return to the issue with the security guards. Were the security guards present when land acquisition notices were given to residents in Rozelle on 18 July?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I am unaware.

Mr KANOFSKI: We will have to take that on notice.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We are happy to take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to my response to question on notice 7.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
WESTCONNEX AIR POLLUTION**

**QUESTION:** QoN 16

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Thank you. Minister, I return to the impact of WestConnex on air pollution. I know that you have taken on notice to find out whether any advice was provided to Minister Speakman prior to the signing of the National Clean Air Agreement. Would you tell me whether it was Transport for NSW or Roads and Maritime Services [RMS] or the Sydney Motorway Corporation that made submissions in relation to the air standard PM10 and what has been adopted by New South Wales?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I am assuming PM10 is particulate matter?

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: That is correct.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We indicated earlier that we will take that on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I am just making sure that I am getting agreement from everyone.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: There is agreement from everyone and we will take it on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Would you be able to provide the Committee with detail on any modelling that has been done on the impact of air pollution and in particular the location of the ventilation stacks for WestConnex as a result of this discussion?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: That is part of the environmental impact statement [EIS]. It is out there, loud and proud in the EIS.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I am seeking the advice that was given as part of this Government signing up to the National Clean Air Agreement.

Mr KANOFSKI: All of the modelling for WestConnex was part of the EIS. The air quality modelling for WestConnex—

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I understand that. I am asking whether that was provided prior to signing up to the National Clean Air Agreement. I understand the EIS. I have seen the EIS.

Mr REARDON: We are happy to take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services attended a stakeholder meeting convened by the Environment Protection Authority in relation to the National Clean Air Agreement.

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE** **LILYFIELD ROAD SEPARATED CYCLEWAY**

**QUESTION:** QoN 17

**ASKED BY:** Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

## **QUESTION:**

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Recently Roads and Maritime Services granted Leichhardt Municipal Council, which is now part of the Inner West Council \$500,00 to do a study on the Lilyfield Road separated cycleway. Could I ask what this money is being used for? It seems a lot of money for just a design or study into a cycleway rather than the construction of the cycleway

Mr KANOFSKI: I am happy to take the detail on notice, but clearly the council needs to do detailed investigations. That is a pretty complex area there.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Do you know how long the cycleway is?

Mr KANOFSKI: I do not know exactly, no. The council has been given a grant to do the investigation.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: I understand the cost of the cycleway, which is also being funded by Roads and Maritime Services [RMS], will be about \$1.1 million. Do you think it is justified that 30 per cent of the construction cost is design cost? It is massively larger than design costs usually are for projects.

Mr KANOFSKI: We will take on notice the detail of the \$500,000. It may have been that it included early works. It may have included other things. I will take on notice the detail of the \$500,000. I do not have a detailed cost break up of the \$500,000.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: It would be great if you could take that on notice. Does this cycleway have anything to do with the construction of WestConnex? Do you know if there is any connection between the cycleway and WestConnex?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I am unaware. The only thing I can co-relate with the \$500,000 and WestConnex is that it is about the same amount of ratepayers' money from City of Sydney council that Clover Moore is using to fight the WestConnex project.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Thanks for that extra bit of information, Minister.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: It is my great pleasure.

Mr KANOFSKI: There is a strategic cycleways network plan that is a matter of public record. Clearly

between ourselves, Transport for NSW and local councils we are endeavouring to have a connected cycleway network.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: I am not questioning that. I am just questioning the massive amount of

money for design compared with construction.

Mr KANOFSKI: As I said, I will take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

An initial allocation of \$500,000 was based on a Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services strategic estimate.

The then Leichhardt Council was provided with \$192,000 from the \$500,000 allocation to progress planning and concept design of a separated cycleway on Lilyfield Road. Further funding to progress the detailed design of the 2.5km cycleway will be allocated as required.

An additional \$1.15 million will be allocated in 2016/2017 to start construction pending the outcome of the concept design and community consultation.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
BRIDGES WOOLGOOLGA TO BALLINA SECTION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY**

**QUESTION:** QoN 18

**ASKED BY:** Dr MEHREEN FARUQI MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: How many bridges does this section of the Pacific Highway have?

Mr KANOFSKI: Bearing in mind we are talking about a 155-kilometre stretch of highway in northern New South Wales, which obviously has many rivers and streams—

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: I am just asking how many bridges that you know of.

Mr KANOFSKI: I think it is safe to say there would be a fair few.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: You do not know the exact number?

Mr REARDON: There would be a fair few.

The CHAIR: Would you like to take that on notice?

Mr KANOFSKI: We will take it on notice.

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Could the Minister confirm that the bridges on this project are being designed to a truckload that does not exist anywhere in the world and is almost four times the load used in the rest of the world?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: Sorry?

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: Could you confirm that the bridges in this project are being designed to a truckload that does not exist anywhere in the world?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: What do you mean by a truckload? Is that a weight capacity?

Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: It is. Usually bridges are designed at 44-tonne truckload capacity. Could you confirm that these bridges are being designed at that capacity or a much higher capacity?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We are happy to take that on notice. Do you want to say something,

Mr McCarthy?

Mr McCARTHY: No, I would rather take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

There are presently 109 bridges proposed as part of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Upgrade. The final number of bridges will be made available later this year when detailed design is completed.

The bridges are designed in accordance with Australian Standard 5100 and the design guidelines for the upgrade of the highway. This standard requires the bridges to be designed for a 100 year design life with a SM1600 loading, comprising a stationary 160-tonne traffic load and moving 160-tonne traffic load. This standard is also used on other roads through NSW and other states.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC DIRECTORS**

**QUESTION:** QoN 19-20

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: My question is directed to either the Minister or to the Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Motorway Corporation. How many meetings of the directors of the Sydney Motorway Corporation took place in the 2015-16 financial year?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: It is the same answer to the earlier ones: We will take the question on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Are the directors of the board paid any sitting fees?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take that on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Exactly what sitting fees are payable to directors of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: Mr Chair, I ask your indulgence. We have indicated that the SMC is in a different situation. We are politely taking these questions on notice to answer, if appropriate, because it is outside the government sector. We are really getting to the situation where some of these questions should be ruled out of order.

The CHAIR: I will not rule them out yet.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

There were 21 meetings of the Board of the Sydney Motorway Corporation Pty Ltd during the 2015-16 year. There were also six meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Board.

Directors fees are available on the Public Service Commission's website.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC EMPLOYEES**

**QUESTION:** QoN 21

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: How many people are employed at the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: It is in the annual report.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Actually, it is not.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take the question on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

As at 30 June 2016, there were 100 full time equivalent employees.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC CONSULTING FEES**

**QUESTION:** QoN 22

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Thank you. I will continue to ask them so that you can either answer them directly, refer to a witness or nicely and politely take them on notice. What was the \$228,000 in consulting fees for the Sydney Motorway Corporation, reported in the financial report that I referred to earlier, spent on?

Mr REARDON: The Sydney Motorway Corporation as a corps law organisation will report in its annual report what it is obliged to do. If you are asking any more detail they will either take it on notice, if it is commercial in confidence it will be commercial in confidence.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: What was the \$219,000 in legal fees spent on?

Mr REARDON: I refer to my previous answer.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: What was the \$34,000 in contractor fees spent on?

Mr REARDON: I refer to my previous answer.

The Hon. BRONNIE TAYLOR: Point of order: These questions have been answered. It does not

matter which way they are asked, it is still going to be the same response.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I am asking about three categories.

The CHAIR: There is no point of order. The member has the call.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We are happy to take the question on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

The Sydney Motorway Corporation reports costs associated with various services and agreements in its annual report with the exception of those considered commercial in confidence.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – QUESTION ON NOTICE  
PLANNING MASTERS AND SPRINGHILL ROADS INTERCHANGE**

**QUESTION:** QoN 23

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Moohkey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I want to ask specifically about a different project. Minister, what funding has been allocated to planning for the Masters and Springhill roads interchange?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to my response to supplementary question 60.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
ROADS BUDGET IN THE ELECTORATE OF WOLLONGONG**

**QUESTION:** QoN 24

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Are you able to tell us how many flashing lights are located at each primary and secondary school across the Wollongong electorate?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will probably have to take that detail on notice. I can indicate that we are excited that we have put flashing lights at every school in the State. I remember in previous budget estimates the former shadow Minister indicated that we could not and would not be able to do it. We have, and we are pretty damn glad about the fact that we are helping to protect young people. Earlier last week we were out at a Sydney school indicating—some schools are on two major roads—that they would be getting flashing lights on their second major road. The Illawarra is no different to anywhere else across the State. Every school in the Illawarra would have been done the same as every school across the State.

**ANSWER:**

I refer you to my response to supplementary question 61.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC FINANCE AND AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**QUESTION:** QoN 25 & 27

**ASKED BY:** The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

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**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is the Sydney Motorway Corporation subject to the Public Finance and Audit Act?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We do not think it is, but we will take it on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: So your instinct, although you do reserve the right to correct, is that it is not subject to the Public Finance and Audit Act?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take it on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is not the consequence of it not being covered by the Public Finance and Audit Act that the Audit Office and the Auditor-General cannot apply any of their powers in respect to those Acts to that organisation?

Mr KANOFSKI: That is correct.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: So the Auditor-General and the Audit Office cannot utilise their powers in respect of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: If the answer to the first one is yes, but it is answerable through ASIC.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: The financial audit that was reported to ASIC that I have been referring to throughout this estimates, in which the Auditor-General has commissioned that audit and undertaken that audit, the Auditor-General simply did what any auditor would do under the Corporations Act. That is correct, is it not?

Mr REARDON: You will have to clarify the question.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Are you aware that the Auditor-General prepared the financial statements that were filed to ASIC last year for the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

Mr CLICHE: We use the Audit Office as our auditor. That is different.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I will accept that. Is it the Audit Office?

Mr CLICHE: Yes, we use the State Audit Office for all of our audited accounts.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: And those audited accounts are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act?

Mr CLICHE: Yes, they were.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: And not in accordance with the requirements of the Public Finance and Audit Act?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We have already taken that on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is it correct for this Committee to conclude that the special requirements that are required under the Public Finance and Audit Act for

public agencies the Audit Office in undertaking their audit last year did not check at all any aspect of those laws or compliance with?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I do not think it is accurate to conclude that because we have already taken the premise of the question on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Sydney Motorway Corporation's financial statements are audited by the Auditor General.

Audited financial statements are lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. The financial statements of Sydney Motorway Corporation Pty Limited are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, the Public Finance and Audit Regulation 2015 and the Treasurer's Directions.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SMC ICAC**

**QUESTION:** QoN 26

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is the Sydney Motorway Corporation and are Sydney Motorway Corporation staff subject to the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act?

Mr KANOFSKI: Those staff members are not public officials as defined by the Act, but all citizens of New South Wales are subject to the ICAC Act.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: So as a consequence of them not being classified as public officials under the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act, it is the case therefore that the obligations placed on public officials under that Act do not apply to those staff?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I do not believe that is correct. We will take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Sydney Motorway Corporation is required to have its accounts audited by the Auditor General. Accordingly, its employees are accountable under the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act*.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
BEXLEY NORTH LAND PRESERVATION - WESTCONNEX**

**QUESTION:** QoN 28

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Something completely different, Minister. There has been a lot of discussion about preserving land around Bexley North as part of Wolli Creek and the implementation of WestConnex and there have been various answers backwards and forwards in relation to this matter. Given that the EIS for WestConnex, as I understand it, does not mention the need for the lands at lots 10, 13, 14 and 16 and part lots of 10, 11 and 12, will you now consider making those parts of the land part of the park?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I am sure you acknowledge that to be able to go into that detail we would need to take it on notice—when you get down to particular lots—and I am happy to do that.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

In accordance with Condition B67 of the conditions of approval for the New M5 project, Roads and Maritime Services will then prepare a Residual Land Management Plan and consult with the relevant councils.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
SERVICE NSW - SOUTH NOWRA**

**QUESTION:** QoN 29

**ASKED BY:** The Hon. PAUL GREEN

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: Our local Roads and Maritime Services [RMS] store down in South Nowra has been sold off the land. I am wondering if that is a plan of rationalisation of the department or just a one off?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: No, it is not. I will hand over to Mr Kanofski in a moment. I acknowledge that he has just taken over the role of chief executive officer [CEO] in the last couple of weeks. The movement of the RMS across to Service NSW has been part of a government strategy for better customer interface and, by and large, the response has been pretty damn good as we have developed this one-stop shop and the staff that are working there. As we have moved them, some of these premises have become surplus to our needs with the new properties. So it is not a campaign of cutting costs; it is just a change of the delivery of those services.

Mr KANOFSKI: With the Service NSW rollout, it has far improved those shopfront facilities but, in some cases, the shopfront facilities are in a different location.

Studies have shown that there are better locations than where some of the traditional properties were. Service NSW has been doing a lot of work on making sure that their outlets are in the right place and on some occasions—and the one in question is one that fits into this category—is that then the previous property becomes surplus to requirements.

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: The one in South Nowra, will that be moving, because it is an appropriate place in terms of space needed for all those cars.

Mr KANOFSKI: I am not familiar exactly with South Nowra.

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will be happy to take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

**BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTION ON NOTICE  
MOVEMENT OF NAVIGATION AIDS**

**QUESTION:** QoN 30

**ASKED BY:** The Hon Paul Green MLC

**NOTICE GIVEN:** 1 September 2016

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT:** 22 September 2016

**QUESTION:**

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: In terms of flooding across New South Wales and the movement of navigation aids, such as buoys that have been washed out of location, can you advise the Committee on how Roads and Maritime Services safety officers are working to ensure that all navigation aids are in place for the coming spring and the school holidays?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: We will take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services regularly inspects and undertakes ongoing scheduled and ad hoc maintenance on navigation aids and signage. During extreme weather events, Roads and Maritime inspects all major flood-affected waterways.

Roads and Maritime will continue to work to ensure that signage and navigation aids are in place and fully serviceable before and during the upcoming boating season for the safety of our boating customers.