

BUDGET ESTIMATES – QUESTION ON NOTICE

QUESTION NO: TQ001

QUESTION:

TQ 1. Have you engaged a private investigator or any sort of security consultant to find the source of the information that has been leaked?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW takes the security of its information very seriously and has taken action to bolster its information management systems. Investigations, including by the NSW Police Force, are underway. It is appropriate that this occurs to ensure the integrity of and confidence in our organisation and its processes.

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QUESTION NO: TQ002

QUESTION:

TQ 2. How much has the investigation cost so far?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to TQ1.

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QUESTION NO: TQ003

QUESTION:

TQ 003. What is the cost of the Newcastle Light Rail?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to supplementary question 82-88

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QUESTION NO: TQ004

QUESTION:

TQ 004. Has Transport for NSW prepared an estimated total cost of that [Circular Quay upgrade] project and what is it?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to Supplementary Questions 12 – 20.

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QUESTION NO: TQ005

QUESTION:

TQ 005. Has Transport for NSW recently fired up to 10 transport planners?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has a workforce of over 25,000 people and is continually refreshing and renewing to reflect customer and business requirements. Transport for NSW does not comment on individual staffing matters.

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QUESTION NO: TQ006

QUESTION:

TQ 006. Can the Government confirm whether or not any planned rail development in the State will be privately owned?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has no plans at this time to privatise ownership of any planned rail developments.

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QUESTION NO: TQ007

QUESTION:

TQ 007. Are you talking about the allocation for [the east-west concourse] this year?
Do you want me to help you out with the allocations for this year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to supplementary questions 2-11.

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QUESTION NO: TQ008

QUESTION:

TQ 008. Have you ever received a briefing from Transport for NSW on the estimated cost of the Central station east-west concourse?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to supplementary questions 2-11.

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QUESTION NO: TQ009

QUESTION:

TQ 009. Did you by any change manage to ever write a letter to the Treasurer outlining the cost of the Central station east-west concourse?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to supplementary questions 2-11

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QUESTION NO: TQ010

QUESTION:

TQ 010. Has the cost [of the Central station east-west concourse] ever been revised by Transport for NSW in the last 12 months?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to supplementary questions 2-11.

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QUESTION NO: TQ011

QUESTION:

TQ 011. Is the estimated cost [of the Central station east-west concourse] \$1.2 billion and has that costing been prepared by Transport for NSW?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to supplementary questions 2-11.

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QUESTION NO: TQ012

QUESTION:

TQ 012. Was the press release [regarding east-west concourse] of 17 December authored by anyone in Transport for NSW? What steps did you take to inform the Minister for Transport, now Premier, that she had issued incorrect information to the public?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No such press release regarding the 'east-west concourse' can be located.

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QUESTION NO: TQ013

QUESTION:

TQ 013. Are you prepared to tell us when the Springwood to Lithgow rail corridor will begin and finish and how long it will take? Will the work be done before the trains arrive?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to my response to supplementary questions 111-127.

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QUESTION NO: TQ014

QUESTION:

TQ 014. The Auditor-General then says that Transport for NSW commissioned a peer review of capital cost and in fact they did that in 2013. That came back saying the estimates in the business case were on the low end. Was the report provided to the Minister for Transport at the time?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Auditor-General's Report on the CBD and South East Light Rail was addressed on 30 November 2016 by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure at a press conference.

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QUESTION NO: TQ015

QUESTION:

TQ 015. Who is on the [light rail] Advisory Board?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information about how board and committee members are appointed is available on Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

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QUESTION NO: TQ016

QUESTION:

TQ 016. How many times has it [light rail advisory board] met in the last 12 months?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Advisory Board meets monthly.

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QUESTION NO: TQ017

QUESTION:

TQ 017. What is the current expected journey time to Circular Quay and Kingsford?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to my response to supplementary questions 67-68.

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QUESTION NO: TQ018

QUESTION:

TQ 018. I turn to the decision to go with a 67 metre vehicle. Was the effect of that on the cost-benefit ratio ever modelled by another government agency?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The revised BCR was informed by further refinement of the business case and amendments to scope and planning through the tender process.

The CBD and South East Light Rail will deliver massive benefits, as evidenced by its extremely positive BCR, 1.4.

That includes increased public transport capacity and better reliability between the CBD and South East for CBD workers, UNSW students, Randwick hospitals staff and patients, Royal Randwick racegoers and crowds attending Moore Park sporting and major events.

CBD and South East Light Rail has proven to be a catalyst for commercial and residential development along its route, worth more than \$35 billion in the CBD alone, and has resulted in significant funding toward urban renewal by both City of Sydney and Randwick City Council.

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QUESTION NO: TQ019

QUESTION:

TQ 019. How many properties have been earmarked for compulsory acquisition for the City and Southwest Metro between Chatswood and Sydenham?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The property acquisition program for Sydney Metro City & Southwest between Chatswood and Sydenham is largely complete. It required 207 freehold property acquisitions, which included 66 buildings.

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QUESTION NO: TQ020

QUESTION:

TQ 020. What is the estimated total cost of the Western Metro?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to supplementary question 74.

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QUESTION NO: TQ021

QUESTION:

TQ 021. How wide is the walkway in that part of the tunnel?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to my response to supplementary questions 486-495.

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QUESTION NO:

TQ022

QUESTION:

TQ 022. I understand it is at the Minister's discretion and not the department's to decide what stations are made accessible. Is that correct?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government recently allocated a further \$200 million to the Transport Access Program, boosting our total investment to \$1 billion. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and commuter car parks. These improvements make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which ones are delivered under this program. This assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services, such as hospitals or schools and the accessibility of other transport interchanges.

The Transport Access Program is part of the government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across NSW.

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QUESTION NO: TQ023

QUESTION:

TQ 023. How many ridesharing operators have applied for a licence to operate in New South Wales that have not yet been determined?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

None. There is no such licence under the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*. It would behove the honourable Member to read the Act before asking such questions.