

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17**  
**MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY**  
**MINISTER FOR WESTCONNEX**  
**MINISTER FOR SPORT**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**QUESTION**

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** If it is an expected impact and we have now had four weeks of it, what has been the impact? What is the number of people using Parramatta Road? It is a simple question.

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I am not the roads Minister. I do not keep traffic data.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Mr Kanofski is here. He would know.

**Mr KANOFSKI:** As the Minister said, there has been an increase in the traffic on Parramatta Road. As to the exact traffic numbers, I would have to take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

Please refer to the live traffic data on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

**QUESTION**

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** It has gone up. Can you give us a range? Are we looking at 0 per cent, 10 per cent, 20 per cent, 30 per cent? How much has traffic increased on Parramatta Road?

**Mr KANOFSKI:** I think I took the question on notice.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** And I am asking another one. Do we have a range?

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I am happy to take that on notice as well.

**ANSWER:**

Please refer to the live traffic data on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

**QUESTION**

**Mr STUART AYRES:** Stage two of WestConnex, to be very, very clear, comprises the M5 duplication and the St Peters interchange.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Is that what you said in your business case?

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I have not said anything in a business case. I have been the Minister.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Is that what your Government said in the business case?

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I would have to take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

This information is available on the WestConnex website.

**QUESTION**

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** So what are the KPIs for Mr Cliche to obtain his bonus?  
**Mr STUART AYRES:** I will take that on notice. I do not have that information before me.

**ANSWER:**

Key performance indicators are set by the SMC Board and relate to meeting operational, safety, timing and financial targets.

**QUESTION**

**Dr MEHREEN FARUQI:** As I understand, in the stage 3 EIS the vehicle mix is significantly different from what was originally in the WestConnex business case. I quote one example around the commercial vehicles. There is only one-tenth of the number of commercial vehicles as was predicted in the business case. Has the business case and economic case been updated to take this into account, given that the commercial vehicles pay three times the toll?

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I will have to take that on notice. I do not know the level of detail off the top of my head around this area.

**ANSWER:**

Infrastructure NSW independently reviews major projects (including all toll road projects) throughout their development and delivery. Infrastructure NSW monitors Tier 1 project performance through independent Gateway Reviews and Health Checks. Additional economic financial analysis was undertaken to reflect the changes in vehicle mix and this was reviewed as part of the Independent Gateway process.

The traffic projections used in the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) were modelled using land use projections developed by Transport Performance and Analytics (TPA) — formerly the Bureau of Transport and Analytics (BTA) and prior to that the Bureau of Transport Statistics (BTS).

**QUESTION**

**Dr MEHREEN FARUQI:** What integration works have been done on Parramatta Road and why is there congestion there now?

**Mr KANOFSKI:** I can get you the exact detail. There were 49 small projects around Parramatta Road. Quite often you can make quite minor adjustments to the road network to improve flow. So prior to the opening of the widened M4 we did about 49 small projects.

**Dr MEHREEN FARUQI:** That has not really helped, has it?

**Mr KANOFSKI:** I am happy to provide you with the detail.

**ANSWER:**

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

**QUESTION**

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I will spell it out clearly for you. If the Government wanted to invest in any facility within a 50 kilometre radius of ANZ Stadium that breached the material adverse effect clause, the Government could have been liable, in a legal situation, to pay out a compensation payment to the owner of ANZ Stadium.

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** And that breach was only in regard to if you increased above a certain seating level.

**Mr STUART AYRES:** There are other factors in that material adverse effect clause [MAE].

**The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ:** Such as?

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I would have to take all of them on notice.

**ANSWER:**

The MAE clauses are triggered by:

- The development of a competitive stadium with more than 35,000 seats within 50 kilometres of the "Homebush Bay Area" (other than in Wollongong or the central coast)
- Redevelopment of a competitive stadium, specifically in the case of the Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney Cricket Ground or Parramatta Stadium which:
  - i. increases the number of permanent seats to more than 48,000, 48,000 or 35,000 seats respectively;
  - ii. provides a closed or closable roof for the Sydney Football Stadium or Parramatta Stadium; or
  - iii. increases the roof area of the Sydney Football Stadium to protect an additional 5% or more of its seats from the weather; or
  - iv. increases the total floor space of enclosed corporate suites at the Sydney Football Stadium by more than 30% of the present floor space; or
  - v. provides more than \$1 million of financial assistance (indexed to the CPI) for such development or redevelopment; or
  - vi. the enabling of a venue with more than 35,000 seats to attract different events or greater attendance or otherwise facilitate a material change in the functions or uses.

**QUESTION**

**Dr MEHREEN FARUQI:** In Campbelltown there is a colony of koalas that is the only healthy Chlamydia-free population of koalas currently listed in New South Wales. They are under threat because of new plans to increase urbanisation and rezoning. What are you doing as the Minister for Western Sydney to protect those koalas?

**Mr STUART AYRES:** I was not aware of the koala concerns that you have in south-west Sydney. I will take that on notice and collect further information.

**ANSWER:**

Please refer to my response to supplementary question 1.

**QUESTION**

**Mr REARDON:** Basically, last week we started the industry process of the procurement of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1. There are four packages in that. We are happy to furnish you with a copy of what those packages are. They are about early works, enabling works, civil, operations, and systems. We are underway in earnest with the procurement process right now. We are doing that in accordance with the time frame that we had been set. We are well underway. We have had a delivery office established for some time now in Parramatta. The office works hand in glove with the Greater Sydney Commission for the greater Parramatta and Olympic Park peninsula. We are into that project in a fairly heavy way at this point.

**Dr MEHREEN FARUQI:** What is the time line exactly? I cannot remember if anything was said in the Transport hearings. What is the time line for this project? When will there be light rail running in Parramatta?

**Mr REARDON:** I will take that on notice, but I will repeat the fact that we put out the latest information just last week. I will furnish you with that.

**Dr MEHREEN FARUQI:** Do you have a date though? Could you let me know?

**Mr REARDON:** I will furnish you with that information.

**ANSWER:**

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.