

Answers to questions on notice - Hearing 18 September 2017 – received 10 October 2017

DR PETER COCK, Chief Executive Officer, Newcastle City Airport

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: Just turning to the general economic development impact to the airport, you are running 1.25 million passengers at the moment. Feel free to take this on notice, but what proportion of the flights in New South Wales would that be?

Dr COCK: I will take it on notice, but, off the top of my head, Sydney is doing 30 to 40 million passengers, to give you the difference of scale.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: So it is significantly smaller than, say, the region's population compared to the number of flights.

Dr COCK: We have done studies and we think we still leak around one million passengers, if not more, down to Sydney. We have got a marketing program at the moment, not about inbound passengers but to our local communities, to use the airport more. We are investing about half a million dollars this year in activating the airport.

Answer:

Confirm Sydney traffic in 2015/16 was 41 million passengers per annum.