

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 1

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

1. Please list all accounting changes as a result of the transfer of the Transport Asset Holding Entity.

(a) As per the 2014-15 Budget Forward Estimates detailed report, or from your own accounting records, please provide a breakdown of line items and provide the amounts for each line item.

(b) Will the detailed budget forward estimates be made publically available?

(c) How has this change affected Transport for NSW?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This information is available in NSW Budget Papers 2015-16.

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2. The cost of the CBD and South East Light Rail project has increased from \$1.6 billion to \$2.1 billion. According to the 2015 Budget Estimates hearing the Minister indicated this is because of scope changes. What is the total increase in cost from the original \$1.6 billion that is attributable solely to scope changes?

(a) What are the scope changes that account for this increase?

(b) Is any of the increase attributable to anything that is not a scope change?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Refer to the former Minister for Transport's media release on 17 December 2014.

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The NSW Public Private Partnerships Guidelines were published in 2012. The Guidelines provide that contract summaries for Public Private Partnerships are prepared, audited by the Auditor-General and published. According to testimony from the 2015 Budget Estimates hearings, this contract summary for the CBD and South East Light Rail, is being worked through with the Auditor-General. What date will this be made public?

(a) Has the Minister received any warning or reprimand because of the lateness of the contract summary?

(b) Was the contract summary written under former Transport Minister, Gladys Berejiklian?

(c) Is the Minister concerned about the lateness of the Contract Summary.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The redacted CBD and South East Light Rail contract was published on the Transport for NSW website on 29 May 2015. The CBD and South East Light Rail contract summary has been prepared and is currently undergoing the necessary government review processes before being published.

Due to the size and complexity of this project, due diligence is of utmost importance.

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4 In regards to the CBD and South East Light Rail Project:

- (a) How many people do you forecast will you use the service each day at opening? After one year? After five years?
- (b) What will be required to reach the ultimate potential of 13,500 passengers? When will this capacity be reached?
- (c) When it opens, at the launch of the service, how many trams per hour will go into the city? Out of the city?
- (d) When at ultimate operations, how many services per hour each way will be operating through the city at peak hour? When will this capacity be reached?
- (e) How many bus passengers will be required to interchange or walk a longer distance because of the changes being made?
- (f) How will traffic on King, Market, Park and Druitt streets be impacted by the light rail project?
- (g) Currently, how many minutes an hour can traffic cross George Street at each of King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets?
- (h) Upon completion of the CBD light rail project, how many minutes an hour will traffic be able to cross each of George Street at King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets?
- (i) Currently, how many vehicles travel along each of King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets each day?
- (j) Currently, how many vehicles use each of King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets in peak hour? Please define peak hour.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- a) Demand modeling has been undertaken for future years 2021 and 2036. The forecast patronage for CSELR approaching Central Station in the morning peak one hour is 5,366 in 2021.
- b) The opening day capacity.
- c) 15 light rail vehicles per hour in each direction during the peak hour 8-9am.
- d) At ultimate operations, up to 20 services per hour could be scheduled.

- e) Patronage projections that informed the planning of the CBD and South East Light Rail are included in the Environmental Impact Statement, available on the Sydney Light Rail website.
- f) A range of works are being implemented across the CBD as part of the Capacity Improvements Program to ensure efficient operations of the CBD network, with a focus on east-west traffic flow.
- g) &
- h) This will vary. The SCATS traffic control system is used in Sydney CBD to optimise traffic flow, including east-west traffic movements. The system is adaptive and allows the real time management of the network signals in line with intersection demand, time of day, network coordination and the size and complexity of intersections.
- i)
- j) Daily vehicle counts on 2 March 2015

King	20,796 (King/George street - eastbound)
Market	26,643 (Market/George street - westbound)
Park	9,373 (Park/George street - westbound)
Druitt	16,109 (Druitt/Clarence street - westbound)
- k) Vehicle counts during peak hour 8-9am on 2 March 2015

King	1,320 (King/George street - eastbound)
Market	1,001 (Market/George street - westbound)
Park	422 (Park/George street - westbound)
Druitt	826 (Druitt/Clarence street - westbound)

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5 On the completion of the CBD and South East Light Rail project, how many vehicles, including property owners and delivery trucks, will be driving through the pedestrian zone each day?

(a) How will these vehicles be controlled and managed?

(b) Will there be a size limit on these delivery trucks?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will continue to work with individual properties to ensure access is maintained during construction and operation. Vehicle numbers in the pedestrian zone will be based on network volumes and patterns that will significantly change over the next few years.

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6. Did Transport for NSW conduct or receive modelling that indicated there would be serious traffic issues at junctions like Cleveland Street, Anzac Parade and Lang Road as a result of giving light rail carriages priority?

(a) What does this modelling show?

(b) If so, how will you manage the fact that key intersections such as Bridge/Grosvenor, Elizabeth/Devonshire and Anzac /Cleveland will need to be interrupted many times a day to allow both inbound and outbound trams to cross?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This information is available on the Sydney Light Rail website.

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7. The Government has claimed that Light Rail will replace around 220 bus services an hour. Is this still accurate and can you provide the Committee with a breakdown of exactly what services are going to be ended?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As outlined in the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy, the CBD and South East Light Rail project and bus network changes will result in 220 fewer buses entering the city centre in the morning peak hour between 8.00am and 9.00am.

Detailed planning of affected bus services will be finalised closer to the commencement of light rail operations in 2019.

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8 In the Estimates Hearing, the Coordinator General stated that: "There will be an additional about 30 services an hour on Elizabeth, the Pitt and Hay intersection was shown up as a hotspot, and we are currently doing some capacity improvements to increase throughput."

(a) Is the figure of 30 additional bus services an hour correct?

(b) If not, what is the correct figure for the number of additional buses that will use Elizabeth Street each hour?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Following the introduction of the new CBD Bus Plan on 4 October 2015, there will be approximately 200 bus services operating along Elizabeth Street (north of Park Street) in the peak direction during the one-hour period between 8:00am and 9:00am. This is an increase of around 22 buses.

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QUESTION:

9. Has the Minister satisfied himself that the additional busses that are being diverted down the corner of Pitt and Hay Streets, Hay and Elizabeth Streets and Elizabeth and Hunter Streets will be able to safely manoeuvre the turns?

(a) Has any modelling been done about the effect that the new routes will have on existing traffic?

(b) Please supply that modelling.

ANSWER:

I refer to my answer to question 26.

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QUESTION:

10 According to the CBD and South East Light Rail business summary, the CBD and South East Light Rail will provide 10,000 jobs and \$4 billion in overall benefits. Does the Minister agree with this claim?

(a) Please provide any modelling or report to support the claim for:

i 10,000 jobs

ii \$4 billion in overall benefits

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Benefits are detailed in the CBD South East Light Rail Business Case Summary document, available on the Sydney Light Rail website.

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11 What are you doing to manage the concerns of locals in Randwick about the impact the current route has on High Cross Park and the major war memorial that is located in this public space?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Following consultation between Randwick Council, the University of New South Wales, Health Infrastructure and the community, the NSW Government recently announced plans to move the proposed Light Rail Randwick Terminus from High Cross Park into a new High Street plaza.

The revised design will be subject to approval by the Department of Planning and Environment.

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12. How many claims have been put in to the Government by contracted companies based on variations, changes to the contract?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There are no claims outstanding between ALTRAC and Transport for NSW.

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13 Have you had discussions with the operator of the Cross City Tunnel about traffic management issues arising from the construction of the light rail?

- (a) Did those discussions involve a lower toll on the tunnel?
- (b) How much would this cost tax payers?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Traffic management issues arising from the construction of CBD South East Light Rail have been discussed with key stakeholders, including the operator of the Cross City Tunnel.

Tolling arrangements for the Cross City Tunnel are contained in the Commitment Deeds for the Cross City Tunnel. These documents are Commercial in Confidence.

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14. During the 2015 Budget Estimates hearing the Minister took on notice that he was happy to release modelling of any alternatives to the CBD and South East Light Rail. Please provide the modelling of those alternatives.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As an alternative to the CBD and South East Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit was considered along the same corridor. Modelling of Bus Rapid Transit found that:

- The bus alternative attracted only around half the demand of light rail.
- The bus alternative would not reduce traffic congestion to the same extent as light rail.
- The bus alternative would not cater for the same level of demand as light rail, offering just two thirds of the capacity in comparable traffic conditions.

Additionally the bus alternative would not sufficiently overcome the key challenges facing the CBD to University of NSW corridor, including:

- Removing buses from the CBD to improve amenity and reduce congestion.
- Providing sufficient network capacity to cater to future growth and network extensions.
- Improving customer experience through restructuring the public transport network.
- Catalysing urban renewal.

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15. During the 2015 Budget Estimates hearing the Minister stated that opening day capacity was to be 124,000 passengers in each direction based on 266 trips between 5.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and frequency is between 15 per hour at peak and 10 per hour at off-peak.

(a) Which hours will operate as peak and which will operate as off-peak?

(b) Does the term "each way" mean that 124,000 passengers could be carried into the city each day?

(c) Does the term 'each way' mean that 62,000 passengers could be carried into, and 62,000 carried out of, the city each day?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

(a) Regular 'turn up and go' services will operate between 7am to 7pm. There is no defined 'peak' or 'off peak'.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

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QUESTION:

16 When will you make a decision about the preferred Light Rail Route for Western Sydney?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently investigating light rail serving Parramatta and Western Sydney on four shortlisted corridors:

- Parramatta to Macquarie Park via Carlingford
- Parramatta to Castle Hill via Old Northern Road
- Parramatta to Bankstown
- Parramatta to Sydney Olympic Park and Strathfield / Burwood

The four shortlisted routes have been subject to robust investigation, including detailed planning, engineering and customer analysis.

Following completion of this work the NSW Government will review the investigations on the shortlisted corridors before making a final decision on a preferred corridor for the Parramatta Light Rail Project. This process takes time, but is critical to ensure the best decision is made for the transport future in Parramatta and Western Sydney.

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QUESTION:

17 Have any of the consultancy expenses been used to consider options for the Parramatta Light Rail?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The initial planning of the Parramatta Light Rail project has been led by Transport for NSW and supported by a team of specialist consultants.

Specialist consultants were engaged to provide a variety of services such as data collection, transport and land use planning, engineering, cost estimates and economic analysis.

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QUESTION:

18 What is the selection criteria for the route that will be chosen for the Parramatta Light Rail?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is undertaking a detailed investigation of the four shortlisted corridors to determine a preferred route. This includes an analysis of potential employment and urban renewal opportunities as well as looking at technical and environmental benefits and constraints.

Key issues which will be considered in selecting a corridor for light rail will include the ability to improve public transport services for customers, provide opportunities for growth in Western Sydney and offer a cost effective and feasible design.

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QUESTION:

19 Has the Minister been provided with the 4 route options produced by Parramatta City Council?

(a) If yes, how much does each route cost?

(b) If yes, What are the projected passenger numbers on each route?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This information is available on the Parramatta City Council website.

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QUESTION:

20. I refer the minister to contract award notice 420436, provision of actor service for assessment centre. When was this contract signed?

- (a) Who signed the contract?
- (b) Which Minister approved the contract?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The contract was signed in July 2014 under the relevant Transport for NSW delegations. Ministerial approval was not required under the delegations.

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QUESTION:

21 Who is the current project director for the CBD Light Rail project? What is their salary band?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Mr Andrew Summers is the Project Director for the CBD Light Rail project. Mr Summers is employed at the appropriate salary band for this position.

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QUESTION:

22 What is the salary band of the Coordinator General, Marg Prendergast?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Ms Marg Prendergast is the Coordinator General CBD Coordination Office. The salary band for this position is Senior Service Level 5.

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QUESTION:

23 Transport for NSW spent \$22.622 million on consultants in the past year, which 3 companies received the bulk of these funds?

(a) And how much did each receive?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW consultants expense in 2014/15 will be published in the 2014-15 Transport for NSW Annual Report.

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QUESTION:

24 In 2014, the 2014-15 budget for contractors was \$114,565,000. This budget rose to \$159,243,000.

- (a) What works did contractors undertake for Transport for NSW?
- (b) What 3 contractors received the largest portion of these funds?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- (a) Contractors undertake a range of work on behalf of Transport for NSW, given the size and breadth of the Transport Cluster.
- (b) This information is not held centrally for the Department. The number of contractors fluctuates.

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QUESTION:

25 What is the selection criteria for decisions to proceed with new upgrades of Train Stations under the Station Access Fund.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There is no Station Access Fund.

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QUESTION:

26 Has the Minister satisfied himself that the 163 busses every two hours that are being diverted down the corner of Pitt and Hay Streets, Hay and Elizabeth Streets and Elizabeth and Hunter Streets will be able to safely manoeuvre the turn?

(a) Has any modelling been done about the effect that the new routes will have on existing traffic?

(b) Please supply that modelling.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Sydney is currently experiencing severe congestion. In the next decade it will be home to another one million people and we cannot add more buses to already congested roads. The NSW Government is delivering major improvements to the CBD transport system to meet the needs of a modern city.

Key projects as part of this include Sydney Light Rail, a new bus network, new cycleways, and a range of road and footpath upgrades. The new bus network will support the introduction of light rail and is the first step in changing the way we use the city centre.

The new CBD bus network will commence on 4 October 2015. Buses will be able to safely manoeuvre through the intersections noted. Detailed turning path analysis has been undertaken to ensure this can occur, and where necessary changes have been made to line markings, sign posting, kerbs, traffic signal locations and phasing.

The NSW Government will continue to monitor the bus network and make changes as needed.

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QUESTION:

27. When will all stations have a fully functioning top up machine for the Opal Card?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

During 2015 and 2016 around 350 machines will be rolled out across the majority of train stations, ferry wharves and light rail stops.

Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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QUESTION:

28 Why was the decision made to not allow staff to sell the Opal card?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government's electronic ticketing system, Opal, has allowed transport operators to redeploy staff to better assist customers at locations across the transport network.

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QUESTION:

29 How many complaints are you receiving each and every month about Opal Cards not been read on buses throughout Sydney?

- (a) What are you doing to address this issue?
- (b) Are you confident this is now fixed?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There are more than 15,000 Opal readers installed on buses. The system is monitored, which includes feedback from operators and customers, and software upgrades have been made.

The reliability of Opal card readers across all buses has been over 99% since the rollout was completed in November 2014.

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QUESTION:

30 Can you explain why commuters are not able to use the Opal Card on private ferry services?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is negotiating amendments to existing contracts with four private ferry operators (Cronulla and National Park Ferry Cruises, Church Point Ferry Service, Brooklyn Ferry and Palm Beach Ferry) to allow the operators to honour Gold Opal Cards of local Senior and Pensioner residents, in place of the Pensioner Excursion Ticket they are currently selling on board. All other fare paying passengers will continue to be required to purchase a ticket from the ferry operator for travel.

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31 Do you believe that Transport NSW is adequately staffed?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Yes.

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32 I refer to the 2014-15 Budgets Forward Estimates Detailed report in which more than \$100 million was spent on "overtime" and more than \$51 million was spent on "Temporary Employees – Short Term Staff." Is \$151 million dollars in overtime and temporary staff acceptable to you?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport Service overtime costs, are now reported differently as a result of the *Government Sector Employment Act (the Act)*.

Overtime for the Transport Service now includes Transport for NSW as well as Roads and Maritime Services and State Transit Authority award staff. The revised projection in 2014-2015 for overtime costs for the Transport Service was \$100.6 million. The actual overtime cost was \$87 million for that financial year.

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QUESTION:

33 What plan do you have to reduce this cost? (The budget says you will reduce this by one third, how will you do it?)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and manages and responds to numerous incidents on a daily basis.

Overtime is used to meet operational requirements such as infrastructure upgrades, major events, incident response, and conducting repairs and maintenance outside of peak periods to reduce the effect on customers.

Overtime is only used where necessary and is actively monitored in line with budgets.

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QUESTION:

34 Why has patronage numbers on Newcastle Buses declined?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Patronage may change for a number of reasons, including new employment and shopping hubs and changes in the distribution and demographics of the population.

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QUESTION:

35. I refer to the 2014 Budget Forward Estimates Detailed Report for Transport NSW which shows that the expense of Newcastle Bus Service Contracts continues to increase. Why are we paying more as passenger numbers decrease?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Increases to contract costs may be for a number of reasons, including new vehicles, labour, insurance and other variable costs.

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QUESTION:

36. The Design Institute of Australia has said that its members are “vehemently opposed to the design” of the new signs for Sydney’s transport network. When did the sign program commence?

(a) How much is being spent on the new sign program?

(b) Was a cost benefit study undertaken?

i When?

ii Will you release the study?

(c) Did Maynard Design provide a pictogram option for signage?

i Why was this not selected?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Wayfinding Program was established in 2012 and costs are publicly available in the NSW Budget Papers.

Maynard Design provided a pictogram option for signage. However, customer analysis identified that the former pictograms were rarely used and often ignored. Customers felt that these pictograms were hard to distinguish from a distance as they were small and too similar.

The new ‘TBFL’ mode identifiers are easier to distinguish due to their colour and use of letters, and can be seen from a distance and in small size, such as on a website or smart phone.

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QUESTION:

37 Did the former Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian suggest an upgrade of Unanderra Train Station during any changeover or meeting with the current Minister for Transport?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

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QUESTION:

38. Has the Minister been presented with any plans by any agency to upgrade Unanderra Train Station?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the NSW Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 400 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new 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 projects will come next. Upgrades at Unanderra will be considered as part of this assessment process.

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QUESTION: 39

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

39 Given the significant access issues experienced by so many people each and every day who use Unanderra Train Station can you today confirm that this station will be upgraded during this term of Parliament to fix this issue once and for all?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Not at this time.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 40

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

40 Why do you find it an effective use of taxpayers money to build a new car park at Thirroul when the congestion and delays to commuters can be resolved through minor tweaks to the South Coast timetable?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The new car park will ease parking pressure in Thirroul village, more than doubling the number of commuter car parking spaces in Thirroul.

The 2013 timetable delivered an extra 125 services a week between Sydney and Wollongong and more consistent services throughout the day. This saves many South Coast Line customers up to 40 minutes a week.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 41

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

41 How much was spent on designing and rolling out the Transport for NSW logo?

ANSWER:

Refer to the former Minister for Transport's response to LA 5018 in 2013.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 42

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

42 Has Transport for NSW entered into any agreements with Tennis Australia relating to the new logo?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 43

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

43 Has Transport for NSW paid Tennis Australia any money to Tennis Australia in relation to the new logo

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 44

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

44. Given the recent reports of disqualification of China North Railway for the Israel Railways locomotive tender, does this have any impact on the current tender process that they are involved in regarding the InterCity Fleet?

(a) Does the tender provide any incentives for the trains to be built in NSW?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

(a) Transport for NSW has released a Request for Tender for design, manufacture, testing, commissioning, supply, delivery and maintenance of the new intercity fleet.

Procurement is being undertaken via an open tender process to maximise competition and ensure that NSW taxpayers receive value for money.

It is pleasing to see a number of Australian based companies involved in the tender process including Downer EDI Rail Pty Limited, UGL Rail Services Pty Limited, Mitsubishi Electric Australian Pty Limited and Alstom Transport Australia Pty Limited.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 45

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

45 In 2011 the former Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian committed \$40 million to be spent on a program to improve safety at train stations across the network. Given in May 2014 only \$1 million had been spent and the program was meant to be fully rolled out by mid-2015 can you outline to the committee how much of the \$40 million has been committed?

- (a) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 3 months?
- (b) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 6 months?
- (c) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 12 months?
- (d) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 5 years?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The premise of this question is incorrect.

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QUESTION: 46 - 49

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

46. Is the Minister aware of the "Sydney Trains maintenance strategic business plan" a document which claims will provide direction for Sydney Trains maintenance over the next five years?

- (a) Minister in this document dated 12 September 2014 it says that "strategic partners will be found for all non-core activities." What is a 'non-core' activity?
- (b) Can the minister please provide some examples of core activities and non-core activities?

47 The Sydney Trains Maintenance Strategic Business plan identifies the following areas, among others, as "non-core" they include:

- (a) Mains Group HV transmission and corridor
- (b) Mains Group HV transmission off corridor
- (c) Distribution substations group
- (d) Distribution low voltage
- (e) Can you please explain why these public assets have been identified as "non core" assets when in fact these assets are integral to the day to day operation of the Sydney Trains rail network?

48. Minister would it be fair to say that the previously mention "non-core" assets all belong to the "Electrical Distribution Authority"?

49. Minister will you and your government rule out privatising both these assets and the Electrical Distribution Authority during this term of government?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The 2014-16 Sydney Trains Maintenance Strategic Business Plan was an internal working document and has been superseded.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 50

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

50. Will the Minister provide a clear timeline and completion date for the 450 new car parking spaces at Campbelltown Railway Station as promised during the 2015 State Election Campaign by the Government?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the NSW Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 400 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

The NSW Government is currently in the planning stage of a 450 space commuter car park at Campbelltown Station.

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

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QUESTION: 51

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

51. Will the Minister meet with a delegation of residents including residents from the Wildfire estate, to allow them to voice their concerns and frustrations regarding the proposed Southwest Rail Link extension?

(a) If yes, please provide a time and place that this meeting can take place.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW undertook community consultation, including with landowners from Wildfire Estate, on the proposed South West Rail Link extension corridor between 6 June and 7 August 2015.

Consultation included community information sessions and one-on-one meetings.

Transport for NSW is committed to listening to the community's feedback and are currently reviewing submissions.

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QUESTION: 52

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

52. Will the Minister outline how the Government plans to assist and compensate Wildfire and other effected residents for the stress and potential financial loss they are facing as a result of the lack of consultation by the Minister and his department?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

During the consultation period this year, Transport for NSW offered face to face meetings with all directly impacted residents and individual circumstances were discussed, including with landowners from the Wildfire Estate.

Transport for NSW has arranged free counselling services for impacted residents.

The planning for corridor preservation is expected to be finalised in 2016. Hardship acquisition is available under the NSW Land Acquisition (Just Terms) legislation after the final corridor is preserved.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 53

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

53. Will the Minister outline and clarify the date and type of notification and communication that was provided to residents, Local Members of Parliament and to other stake holders effected by the Southwest Rail Link extension?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

For the southern section of the South West Rail Link extension, from Leppington to Bringelly and Bringelly to Narellan and the study area between Narellan and the T2 South Line, consultation included:

- Doorknocking of land owners within the recommended corridor on 5 June 2015
- Local Members of Parliament briefed on the consultation process and communications program in the month proceeding community consultation.
- Four community information and feedback sessions were held for South West Rail Link Extension at Bringelly (20 June 2015), Catherine Fields (23 June 2015), Camden (25 June 2015) and Narellan (18 July 2015).
- 19 press advertisements appeared in metropolitan and local newspapers raising awareness of the consultation and providing information on the community information sessions.
- 164 letters were delivered on 5 June 2015 to land owners within the recommended corridor. A further 67 letters were sent on 10 July 2015.
- Email sent to approximately over a 1000 registered stakeholders.
- 43,700 newsletters distributed to residents in and around the recommended corridor including study area from Narellan to the T2 South Line near Macarthur. 67 individual one on one meetings held with landowners within the recommended corridor.

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QUESTION: 54

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

54. Will the Minister provide a clear outline of the promised \$1 million commitment to Campbelltown and the Macarthur region for the integrated transport action plan as announced during the 2015 State Election Campaign by the Government?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Macarthur Integrated Transport Plan is being developed to complement the Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation currently being led by the Department of Planning & Environment.

The Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation considers how people move around the region and commute to work, education and recreation in order to identify the infrastructure and services that are required to cater for current and potential growth.

The Macarthur Integrated Transport Plan will integrate with planning underway for the wider region including the South West Growth Centre, Western Sydney Airport and Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor.

It will also complement projects such as the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, Narellan Road upgrade, the Outer Sydney Orbital and South West Rail Link Extension Corridor Preservation and Spring Farm Link Road scoping study.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 55

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

55. How regularly is the Stanwell Park viaduct inspected?

(a) Please provide the date of the last inspection.

(b) Are the reports of these inspections made public? If yes, where can these public inspections be found?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Routine maintenance inspections are conducted regularly in accordance with the viaduct's Technical Maintenance Plan. The last inspection was conducted on 9 July 2015. Routine maintenance inspection reports are not made public.

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QUESTION: 56

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

56. Are there any plans for the Stanwell Park viaduct to be replaced?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There are no plans to replace the structurally viable Stanwell Park viaduct.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 57

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

57. When was maintenance on the Stanwell Park viaduct last undertaken?

- (a) What was involved in these works?
- (b) What was the value of these works?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Routine maintenance inspections are conducted regularly in accordance with the viaduct's Technical Maintenance Plan. The last routine inspection was conducted on 9 July 2015.

The last major maintenance work carried on the viaduct was in 2012. This work included repair of the sandstone and brick heritage features. The value of these works was \$47,000.

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QUESTION: 58

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

58. Is the Government committed to finishing the Greenway that is adjacent to the Light Rail line from Sydney Harbour to Dulwich Hill station?

a) If so, when does the Minister envisage that funding will be provided in the budget for the completion of the Greenway?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has been working with councils along the Greenway corridor to identify local links to light rail stations.

Leichhardt, Ashfield, Marrickville and Canterbury Councils have applied for funding to progress designs for the missing links in the 2016-17 Active Transport Program. The 2016-17 Active Transport council submissions are currently being assessed.

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QUESTION: 59

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

59. When will Sydney Trains renew the overhead pedestrian bridge across the South Line adjacent to York Street, Merrylands which is used by many residents and the students of Merrylands East Public School to walk to school and to school sport at Granville Park?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The bridge is owned by the Department of Education therefore this question should be redirected to the Minister for Education.

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QUESTION: 60

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

60. The upgrade of Merrylands commuter car park was promised at the election and is included in the Easy Access Program - Given that commuters are currently forced to park in Stockland Mall hundreds of metres away, when will it be constructed, where will it be located and how many car spaces will be included?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the NSW Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 400 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

Transport for NSW has started the design and planning approval process for improvements to the car park at Merrylands Station.

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

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QUESTION: 61

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

61. Given that Clyde Station is the only interchange for the Carlingford line with the South and Western railway lines, why isn't Clyde included on the list of future access upgrades?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the NSW Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 400 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new 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 projects will come next. Accessibility at Clyde Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

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

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 62

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

62. How many seniors and pensioners currently purchase their daily Pensioner Excursion ticket on buses and how many additional retail outlets will be made available so that they can recharge their Gold Opal cards easily, given that many seniors and pensioners do not own credit cards.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

In July 2015, 679,836 Pensioner Excursion Tickets (PETs) were sold on buses in the Sydney Metropolitan and Outer Metropolitan bus contract areas.

There are currently 2,000 Opal retailers, which is more than 50 per cent higher than the number of paper ticket retailers.

During 2015 and 2016 around 350 Opal top-up machines will be installed at train stations, ferry wharves and light rail stops, providing coverage for about 99 per cent of customers.

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QUESTION: 63
ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

63. How many ticket sellers have lost their jobs due to the Government's refusal to sell Opal cards or allow top ups at train station ticket windows and how many more will be sacked when paper tickets like the daily pensioner excursion ticket are withdrawn?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

With the introduction of Opal, paper ticket sales have declined significantly. This has allowed Sydney Trains to redeploy more staff to better assisting passengers. There have been no forced redundancies as a result of declining ticket sales at stations.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 64

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

64. How many fewer passengers are using Granville station since the massive reduction in services commenced under the new time table - measured through the ticket gates?

ANSWER:

I refer to my answer to question 65.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 65

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

65. How many passengers entered the Sydney Trains network from Granville station in:

- (a) 2011
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2014
- (e) And up until 1 September 2015?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The number of passengers entering the Sydney Trains network from Granville is as follows:

Year	Typical weekday station entries
2011	5,470
2012	5,990
2013	6,080
2014	6,080
2015	Not available

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QUESTION: 66

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

66. Given that the proposed light rail for Newcastle will not be delivered in the short term, and in order to allow rail users the opportunity to trial the route, will the Minister for Transport direct that buses replacing the previous heavy rail line to follow the proposed light rail route ?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The interim bus services, which have been successfully operating since late 2014, generally follow the proposed light rail route along Hunter Street, from Worth Place East.

Buses are not able to travel within the rail corridor as there is no suitable road or surface.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 67

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

67. Will the government put in train stations to the west of Maitland in order to increase patronage on the line in areas of high population growth?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is continuing to investigate options to improve public transport services in the Maitland region.

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QUESTION: 68
ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

68. What is the cost of restoring the heavy rail line between Newcastle and Wickham to operational condition?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There are no plans to restore the heavy rail between Newcastle and Wickham.

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QUESTION: 69

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

69. Will the Minister acknowledge the concerns of Paul Broad, who recently resigned a government appointed position, about the proposed new transport interchange at Wickham and revise the plans?

ANSWER:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 70

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

70. How many overseas trips were taken by Departmental Staff in the year 2104/15? What were the locations, duration, reasons and costs of these trips? With regards to cost, how much was spent on

- (a) airfares
- (b) accommodation
- (c) food
- (d) alcohol/drinks?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Overseas travel cost information is available in the respective annual reports.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 71

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

71. How much money was spent on Lee Street refurbishment during 2014/15?
(a) What were the nature of these refurbishments?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

None.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 72

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

72. How many Department mobile phones and laptops were lost during the 2014/2015 year?

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.

Defective devices covered under warranty are repaired or replaced at no cost to the Department.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 73

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

73. What was the total cost of redundancies during the year 2014/2015?
(a) How many staff left the Department as a result of redundancies?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to question 137.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 74

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

74. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by the Department during the year ending 2014/2015?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 75

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

75. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance during the 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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 76

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

76. How much did the Department spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015? How much of this bill can be attributed to alcohol/drinks?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 77

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

77. How many instances of internal fraud did the Department detect during the year 2014/2015? 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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 78

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

78. 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?

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 79

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

79. How much did the Department spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during the year 2014/2015?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 80

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

80. Did any Departmental officer charter or use a helicopter or plane during the year 2014/2015?

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Travel is in accordance with the policy on Official Travel within Australia and Overseas available online. Information on overseas travel is also published in the relevant Annual Reports.

No helicopters or planes were chartered for business travel.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 81

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

81. For the 2014/15 financial year, how much did the Department spend on
(a) taxis?
(b) hire cars?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Expenditure on taxis and hire cars is monitored in accordance with NSW Premier's Department memoranda and Treasury directions. Transport Cluster agencies monitor taxi use and encourage staff to make use of other available transport options.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 82

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

82. How many ipads or other such tablets has the Department issued to staff?
(a) How many have been lost during the 2014/2015 year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The purchase of iPads and other tablets is in line with operational requirements.

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.

Defective devices covered under warranty are repaired or replaced at no cost to the Department.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 83

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

83. How much has the Minister's office spent on coffee and coffee supplies during 2014/2014?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

\$91.39

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 84

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

84. During 2014/15 how much has the Minister's office, spent on
- (a) taxis?
 - (b) hire cars?
 - (c) public transport?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Expenditure on taxis across the Ministry in 2014/15 was \$84,257. This compares with 2009/10 expenditure of \$175, 776.

Staff in this office use their personal Opal card for travel and do not claim this through the Ministerial office.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 85

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

85. How many SES employees are employed in TfNSW?

(a) What is their remuneration band?

(b) What is their current total remuneration compared to 2013/14 and 2012/13?

(c) For each SES employee, how many have; 0 staff reporting to them, less than 2 staff and less than 5 staff?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport Cluster agencies report on senior executive positions and salaries as required in their Annual Reports.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 86

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

86. How much was spent by TfNSW on contractors in the 2014/15 financial year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Expenditure on contractors is in line with operational requirements. Contractors undertake a range of work on behalf of Transport for NSW, given the size and breadth of the Transport Cluster.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 87

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

87. How much was spent on consultant reports required by TfNSW for the financial year 2014/15?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information on consultants is available in the respective annual reports.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 88

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

88. How many sick days were lost for workplace bullying and/or stress leave during the 2014/15 financial year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 89

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

89. On 24 June 2015, or there about, speed on the new overhead bridge at Edmondson Park was reduced in the down direction to 10km/h and on the up direction to 40km/h. Speed restriction has now been increased to 60km/h down direction and 80km/h on the up direction.

Reasoning provided was as a result of a geotechnical issue affecting 250 meters of the Edmondson Park Overhead Bridge (location: 48.250 to 48.500).

There have been a number of further explanations given including: broken rail line; siding problems; and now being a geotechnical issue.

What does geotechnical issue mean? Does it mean;

- (a) Is there an issue with the bridge abutments are they moving, sinking?
- (b) Is there an issue with bridge moving, sinking, cracking?
- (c) Are the concrete supports adequate and/or stable?
- (d) Has the concrete abutment moved or cracked?
- (e) Are there structural issues?
- (f) Has any remedial work been planned and/or undertaken since 24 June 2015?
- (g) What work, if any, has been planned or undertaken to the original work since 24 June 2015?
- (h) What are the issue(s) identified which caused the speed limits to be reduced?
- (i) What was the remedial work undertaken to allow the speeds to be increased in the up and down directions from those set on 24 June 2015?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Regular maintenance of the South West Rail Link alignment undertaken in June 2015 identified a 200 metre section of embankment on the rail bridge over Camden Valley Way, Edmondson Park, which required monitoring and further investigation.

As a precautionary measure, speed restrictions were implemented. There is no impact to customer services on this short section of track.

The South West Rail Link construction contractor carried out routine rectification works over the weekend of 11 and 12 July 2015. Further works were carried out in August 2015 to adjust the track.

There are no structural concerns related to the Camden Valley Way bridge. An engineering report reviewing the completed works confirms the embankment can operate as designed. Speed restrictions will be lifted following a further independent engineering review.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 90

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

90. A decision was made 12 months ago to outsource the entire Electrical Section of buildings maintenance which included 21 electricians in total. These members performed the electrical work on all City Rail stations, buildings, facilities throughout the State.

No consultation was undertaken or supporting evidence was provided and 12 months later, no formal contract negotiations have been released.

Internal costing reveal for total staff wages / Overtime / On-Call / vehicles and equipment used in usual replacement through breakdowns / vandalism / deterioration was \$5 million per annum.

There is also a concern that the contractor staff do not have the required rail qualifications, including safety, except for at best trade certifications.

- (a) Why have no staffing numbers been released?
- (b) Can you guarantee that they will be required to have Track Protection Qualifications that current staff are required to have?
- (c) Can you guarantee that they will be required to have Electrical Network Standards that current staff are required to have?
- (d) Will they be able to do self-certification?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

(a) A new commercial contract and service agreement has been executed with an outsourced contractor to complete assigned routine and corrective electricity maintenance work. There was extensive consultation with staff and the Electrical Trades Union prior to the decision being made, with most staff accepting voluntary redundancy and those who did not, sought re-assignment within the Transport sector. Five new Electrical Assurance positions were created enabling existing electrical expertise to be retained.

(b) This qualification is not a requirement for all Sydney Trains' electrical staff.

(c) Under the current Electrical Network Safety Rules only Sydney Trains staff members are permitted to hold this accreditation. In instances where access to the electricity distribution network (electricity to buildings and rail lines) is required, the contractor is accompanied by qualified Sydney Trains' staff member.

(d) Yes.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 91

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

91. In what countries were new staff uniforms produced?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Uniforms are manufactured in Australia, Fiji, China and Indonesia.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 92

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

92. Where there any medical issues arising from staff wearing the new uniforms?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains consulted broadly with staff and union representatives during the introduction of the uniforms and are working with any individual staff who may have any ongoing issues with their uniform.

Alternate hypoallergenic garments are available for staff members who require alternative fabric.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 93

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moseimane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

93. How much was spent on the new uniforms?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to the former Minister for Transport's answer to the question asked in 2013 Budget Estimates.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 94

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

94. Has the Government considered selling Opal cards at train stations through the station windows?

- (a) If yes, how much would this cost?
- (b) Why was the idea rejected?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please see the answer to Budget Estimates Question 28.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 95

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

95. Are there any plans to allow the sale of Opal cards at train stations in the future?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Adult and Child/Youth Opal cards are available from around 2,000 Opal retailers. This includes Transport Customer Service Centres at Central Station and Circular Quay, the Transport Shops at Wynyard Station and Railway Square near Central Station, and Domestic and International stations at Sydney Airport.

Disposable Opal tickets will be available from around 250 Opal top-up machines, which are being installed at train stations, ferry wharves and light rail stops during 2015 and 2016.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 96

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

96. How long does the Minister anticipate the XPT trains continue in service?

(a) How many breakdowns have occurred in:

- i. 2011
- ii. 2012
- iii. 2013
- iv. 2014
- v. 2015

(b) Please provide the date of each breakdown from 2011-2015.

(c) What is the cost of hiring a coach when XPT'

ANSWER

I am advised:

Refer to my answer to Legislative Assembly question on notice LA 611.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 97

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

97. Please provide details of cost in hiring coaches when XPT's and Xplorers have failed in service during the last six months.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains has a strict regime of maintenance for the XPT fleet to minimise service disruption caused by mechanical faults. Should a train be unable to complete a journey, for any reason, NSW TrainLink endeavours to provide a replacement service.

The NSW Government has made a commitment to deliver a new fleet of trains to replace the XPTs on the regional network. The new trains will provide customers with unprecedented levels of comfort, reliability and reduced journey times. They will also offer modern dining and sleeping facilities, as well as better security and greater access for the elderly and people with a disability.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 98

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

98. How many staff are in your ministerial office?

- (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?
- (b) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 99

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

99. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in the past financial year?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There were 227 phones in use across all Ministers' offices in 2014/15. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices was \$354,992, a 37 per cent reduction on 2008/09 expenditure of \$578,691. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 100

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

100. How many iPads or tablets does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

(a) What is the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office?

(b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage?

i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

There were 130 iPads in use across all Ministers' offices in 2014/15. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 101

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

101. Did any your or your ministerial staff 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:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 102

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

102. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
(a) What is the cost of this?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Artwork in the Minister's Office includes artwork sourced from the NSW Parliament's permanent art collection and Transport for NSW and is on loan at no charge.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 103

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

103. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 104

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moseimane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

104. What is the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals?

- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
 - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Minister's office subscribes to a modest number of publications for news and work purposes, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 105

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

105. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

In my former role as Treasurer, I presented a glass bowl to the Korean Minister for Employment and Labour on 12 September 2014. The total cost of this gift was \$205.00. It was purchased from Aboriginal Art Galleries in the QVB.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 106

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

106. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
(a) What is the cost of this?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 107

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

107. Can you advise the names of all contractors/consultants employed and/or paid for by your office, under any agreement, contract or fee-for -service arrangement in 2014-15?

- (a) Do they have ABN's?
 - i. If so, please provide details?
- (b) Details of paid or unpaid invoices and amounts?
- (c) Details of services and fees provided by each contractor and or consultant?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Minister's office did not engage any consultants during 2014/15. Information regarding the use of contractors was recently disclosed in response to a GIPA application and was published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's disclosure log.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 108

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

108. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Minister's office did not engage any consultants during 2014-2015.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 109

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

109. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?

(a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 110

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

110. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
- (a) What were the nature of these trips?
 - (b) Who paid for these trips?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 111

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

111. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:

- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine hire
- (c) Private hire care
- (d) Hire car rental

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Expenditure on taxies across the Ministry in 2014/15 was \$84,257. This compares with 2009/10 expenditure of \$175, 776.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 112

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

112 Have you ever used Uber?

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

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ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 113

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

113. 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?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 114

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

114. 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?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 115

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

115. Have you used Airbnb?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 116

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 117

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 118

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Non-standard features already in the vehicle when the lease was taken over include a Cargo Liner (\$200) and Cargo Organiser (\$250).

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 119

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 120 - 122

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

121. 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?

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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

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

122. 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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 123

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 124

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

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.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 125

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 126

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 127

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

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.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 128

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

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.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 129

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

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

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 130

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

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.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 131

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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?

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.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 132

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Ryan Park is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 133-134

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

133. 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?

134. 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

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 135
ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 136
ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 137

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

918.

(a) All redundancies were managed in accordance with the relevant Excess Employees policy.

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

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 138
ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 139

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 140

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 141
ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to question 74.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 142

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I refer to my answer to question 75.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 143

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I refer to my answer to question 76.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 144

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I refer to my answer to question 77.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 145

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I refer to my answer to question 78.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 146

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to question 79.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 147

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I refer to my answer to question 85.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 148

ASKED BY: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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:

I refer to my answer to question 88.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 149

ASKED BY: the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 150-154

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

150. 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

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

152. 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?

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

154. 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:

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

151. No.

152. No reimbursements have been made for UberX services.

153. No.

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

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 155-158

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

155. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?

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

What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?

156. 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?

157. 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?

158. 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?

(b) What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

155. Yes. 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.

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

157. 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.

Defective devices covered under warranty are repaired or replaced at no cost.

158. Transport for NSW has established mobile telephone contracts which include pooled data across the cluster's services, thereby eliminating excess data charges

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 159 - 164

ASKED BY: The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

163. 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?

164. 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:

159 – 164. 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.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 165
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What is the budget forecast for 2015/16 for the School Student Transport Scheme?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

\$621 million.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 166
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What was the actual budget for the scheme in

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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

2014-15 - \$603 million
2013-14 - \$585 million
2012-13 - \$562 million

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 167
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

For questions 1 and 2, please provide a breakdown of the number of students and the total expenditure by school sector-ie. government, Catholic, independent

ANSWER:

I am advised:

School Student Transport Scheme expenditure is not allocated by school or school type.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 168
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What is the budget forecast for 2015/16 for the Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

\$23.9 million.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 169
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What was the actual budget for the scheme in
(a) 2014/15?
(b) 2013/14?
(c) 2012/13?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

2014-15 - \$23.3 million
2013-14 - \$22.4 million
2012-13 - \$22.9 million

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 170

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

For questions 1 and 2, please provide a breakdown of the number of students and the total expenditure by school sector- i.e. government, Catholic, independent

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme expenditure is not reported by school or school type.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 171

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What are the plans of Transport for NSW to ensure continued compliance with the availability of taxis, hire cars and ridesharing services that are wheelchair accessible, in the event that ride-sharing is legalised and regulated in NSW?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Point to Point Taskforce has been asked to consider and provide recommendations on a number of issues including economic productivity, consumer protection and the availability of appropriate services for people with a disability and other groups facing transport disadvantage.

The taskforce is also considering whether existing requirements for customer and driver safety are effective, and whether any changes are necessary so that the point to point transport industry has better options to deliver safety outcomes for customers and drivers.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 172

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

172. The costs of taxi transport have increased by over 60% since the last Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS) increase in 1999. The NSW disability sector is deeply concerned that the current \$30 maximum TTSS subsidy is insufficient for many recipients. Some recipients have to travel from regional/rural areas, or across the heavily congested Sydney CBD, and most of these people are classed as low-income and in receipt of Centrelink payments. Given that the 2010 Taxi Industry Inquiry recommended the TTSS subsidy be increased to a 50% maximum of a \$100 taxi fare, will Transport for NSW increase the TTSS subsidy?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has announced a package of improvements for customers with disability, including real-time public transport accessibility apps and a new electronic payment system for the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS).

The NSW Government will look at ways to make wheelchair accessible taxi (WAT) services more affordable, including investigating whether the TTSS could be increased. Disability awareness training for taxi drivers will be improved and the industry will be encouraged to use more WATs.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 173
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

173. What is the plan to increase transport access for those living with a disability in our community?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This information is included in the Transport for NSW Disability Action Plan 2012-2017 available on the Transport for NSW website.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 174

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

174. When will the government implement the announced new electronic payment system for customers using the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme, replacing the out-dated paper dockets still being used by customers today?

(a) What is the timeframe for implementation and roll-out?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has established a project to deliver an electronic payment system for the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme, replacing paper dockets.

The project is scheduled to start in 2016 and be completed in 2017.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 175
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Can the government confirm that the same amount or more train services will be available for people at Erskineville and St Peters stations after Sydney Metro is operating?

(a) What consultation has been done with people in these communities about the impact of Sydney Metro on their public transport services?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Customer demand is consistently monitored and is taken into account when new timetables are being designed.

Several Information sessions were conducted during the first round of community and stakeholder consultation. Through this community consultation program, over 1,550 submissions were received from various stakeholders, which are now being considered. A detailed report addressing questions and issues is being prepared for publication on the Sydney Metro website, as well as being sent to those who lodged submissions.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 176

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Will the tunnels built for the Second Harbour Crossing be too small to allow for the passage of the current double-deck Sydney Trains rolling stock?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Yes. The tunnels for Sydney Metro are single deck rapid transit systems.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 177

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Can the government guarantee the replacement buses along the Chatswood to Epping line will be able to carry all the current passengers?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government and the Sydney Metro Northwest operator are committed to minimising the impact to customers.

A Temporary Transport Plan has been developed using demand forecasting based on Transport for NSW's Bureau of Transport Statistics data. Demand will be further refined leading up to implementation of the Temporary Transport Plan which may lead to a refinement of service frequencies.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 178
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What is the allocation for the program over the forward estimates?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Refer to the 2015-16 NSW Budget Papers.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 179

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

The government has previously announced this is a \$1 billion program. What is the approximate allocation for:

- (a) Signalling upgrades between Westmead and Granville
- (b) Track improvements near Homebush Junction
- (c) Extra turn-back capability at St Marys
- (d) Improvements to upgrade interchanges at Central Station for the intercity and express services through Sydney Metro
- (e) Advanced train control technology to facilitate more trains on the Western Line
- (f) Traction supply upgrades for Western and Blue Mountains Lines
- (g) Increased stabling in Western Sydney and the Inner City
- (h) Any other project (please list along with estimated costs.)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Western Sydney Rail Upgrade Program aims to provide significant service improvements for Western Sydney rail customers.

A number of works are underway as part of the program, including the Westmead to Granville Signalling upgrade, to be completed in 2016.

The Western Sydney Rail Upgrade program final business case is currently being prepared. Costs, scope and timing will be finalised following Infrastructure NSW assurance.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 180

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

The current completion year for Wickham Interchange has now been pushed back to 2017. That means that commuters are facing, at the very least, two full years of replacement buses between Hamilton and Newcastle. What will be the long-term impact on public transport patronage?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

A rail replacement shuttle bus, Route 110, between Newcastle and Hamilton Station was introduced in January 2015 and is operating successfully. This service is designed to meet every arriving and departing train from Hamilton. The patronage on the shuttle bus is dependent on the number of rail passengers utilising the train services at Hamilton Station.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 181

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Has the government carried out any surveys of people using the replacement buses and their problems with the services?

- (a) If yes, could you please provide the results of these surveys publicly?
- (b) If no, does the government plan on doing surveys?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW receives feedback through www.transportnsw.info or by telephone on 131 500. Since the settling-in period of the rail replacement buses, very few complaints about the service have been received.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 182
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Has the final business case been completed for the Newcastle light rail?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Yes.

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QUESTION: 183
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Have Royal Randwick Racecourse, the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney Football Stadium, or the University of New South Wales contributed to the funding of the CBD and South East Light Rail project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No.

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QUESTION: 184

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

184. The government promised a \$100 million upgrade for Parramatta ferries during the election, including more vessels and more services.

(a) What is the government doing to repair damage caused by RiverCat ferries to this point, and mitigate risks in the future?

(b) Has the government considered modifying the ferries or the speed limits to ensure that potential damage to the seawalls and the local environment (including mangroves) is minimised?

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 considering design options for new ferries for the Parramatta River.

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QUESTION: 185

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Please provide passenger patronage figures for the Stockton to Newcastle Ferry Service for the following years, by fare type:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2014
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2011
- (f) 2010
- (g) 2009
- (h) 2008
- (i) 2007.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Full year data for ticket sales data is available from 2011 to 2014. Some tickets allow multiple trips, and thus sales may not be an accurate reflection of patronage. The Stockton Ferry had the following sales:

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adult	201834	203609	196868	190560
Concession	169719	161664	132916	121643

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QUESTION: 186

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

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QUESTION:

Please provide a full list of private ferry services where the government has chosen not to roll out Opal Card readers.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Opal card can be used on Sydney Ferries and the Newcastle Stockton ferry.

Transport for NSW is negotiating amendments to existing contracts with four private ferry operators - Cronulla and National Park Ferry Cruises, Church Point Ferry Service, Brooklyn Ferry and Palm Beach Ferry.

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QUESTION: 187

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

The promotional video for Wickham Transport Interchange appears to show a bus travelling along Stewart Avenue. Please provide details about the bus arrangements once the proposed Interchange is built.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Detailed planning work is currently underway to develop changes to the inner Newcastle bus network to support the proposed Newcastle Light Rail, and will ensure appropriate connectivity with the new Wickham Transport Interchange.

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QUESTION: 188

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Please provide annual and quarterly passenger patronage figures for Newcastle Buses for the following years, by fare type:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2014
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2011
- (f) 2010
- (g) 2009
- (h) 2008
- (i) 2007.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 189

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

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QUESTION:

How many media, stakeholder and community relations staff are there in each of the following, for the Sydney Metro Northwest project:

- (a) Transport for NSW
- (b) Thiess John Holland Dragados Team (Tunnelling Contractor)
- (c) MTR Corporation (Australia), John Holland, Leighton Contractors, UGL Rail Services and Plenary Group Team (OTS Contractor)
- (d) Salini-Impreglio Joint Venture (SVC Contractor)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- (a) Five
- (b) – (d) Tendered contractors independently manage their workforce resources as required to deliver their contractual obligations to Sydney Metro.

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QUESTION: 190

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

What is the timeline for the procurement, delivery, and rollout of the new XPT fleet?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to commencing procurement in the current term.

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QUESTION: 191

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Will new XPT trains be running before the 2019 state election?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to commencing procurement in the current term.

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QUESTION: 192

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Please provide information about the rollout of the XPT trains, including which routes and lines will benefit from the new trains first.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to commencing procurement of trains in the current term.

As outlined in the Long Term Transport Master Plan, we will be seeking to “Enhance regional rail services through timetable, fleet and targeted track improvements”. This action is currently being developed into a Long Term Plan for Regional Rail which will establish the strategic service requirements for regional rail services for the next 20 years.

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QUESTION: 193
ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC
NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015
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QUESTION:

Is the government currently investigating the use of tilt train technology in NSW?
(a) If yes, what lines or routes is the government considering for the introduction of this technology?
(b) What is the timeline for the introduction of tilt trains in NSW?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The type of train to be procured is yet to be decided. The best train product for the task will be identified in consultation with industry.

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QUESTION: 194

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

194. Will seniors and pensioners be able to apply for an unregistered Gold Opal Card once the Pensioner Excursion Ticket is phased out on 1 January 2016?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All Opal Gold cards are registered. The NSW Government provides a public transport discount to eligible customers that is extremely generous compared with other jurisdictions. The registration process, which includes recording the customer's seniors or pension card number, ensures this discount is provided only to those who need it most.

If a customer's seniors or pension card is lost or stolen, Transport for NSW can prevent that card being used by anyone else.

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QUESTION: 195

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

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QUESTION:

195. How many Law Enforcement Requests have been made to Transport for NSW in the period 1 January 2015 to 31 August 2015, from the following agencies:

- (a) NSW Police
- (b) Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- (c) Australian Customs
- (d) Australian Border Force
- (e) Any other agency (please list.)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Opal ensures customers' personal information is administered in accordance all relevant laws.

TfNSW may only disclose information to a law enforcement agency that is necessary for law enforcement purposes, for the investigation of an offence, for the enforcement of criminal law or to assist in locating a missing person. Personal information may also be disclosed to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the life or health of a person.

The vast majority of information requests have been to identify the owner of a stolen card, assist in finding a missing person, or to investigate an offence.

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QUESTION: 196

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

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QUESTION:

196. How many requests from each listed agency resulted in the disclosure of personal information for Opal Card customers?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has refused access to Opal data for 70% of the requests from law enforcement agencies.

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QUESTION: 197

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Please provide any information on the current plans for upgrading the North Coast Line, including timeline for upgrades and information on maintenance.

(a) When will new XPT trains run on this line?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The North Coast Line, between Broadmeadow and Brisbane is leased to the Australian Rail Track Corporation. Information on plans to upgrade the North Coast Line should be directed to ARTC.

The NSW Government has committed to commencing procurement of trains in the current term.

BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE - BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION

QUESTION: 198

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 25 September 2015

QUESTION:

Please provide total revenue figures for Transport for NSW from private advertising on trains, buses, trains stations, etc., in the following financial years:

- (a) 2014/2015
- (b) 2013/2014
- (c) 2012/2013
- (d) 2011/2012
- (e) 2010/2011.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW did not directly receive revenue from private advertising on trains, buses, trains stations between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015.

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QUESTION: 199

ASKED BY: Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NOTICE GIVEN: 1 September 2015

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QUESTION:

Is all revenue from advertising directed towards financing transport projects and initiatives?

(a) If no, what is the revenue being used for?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Please refer to the former Minister for Transport's Media Release of 4 December 2013.