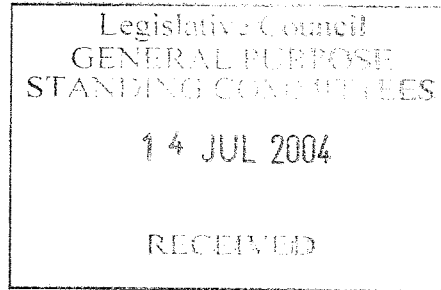




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Dear Mr Reynolds


Inquiry into the Closure of the Casino to Murwillumbah rail service: Questions on Notice from 2 July 2004

I refer to your letter dated 5 July 2004 confirming the two questions asked of me by members of the Committee which I took on notice and for which you have requested answers by Friday 9 July 2004.

My answers are attached.

Please contact me on 9228 5685 if you have any queries. I will be away on leave from Monday 12 July 2004 for one week. During this time Ms Kim Garvey, telephone 9228 5829 will be available to assist.

Yours faithfully


Ziggi Lejins
Director

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QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE BY TREASURY OFFICIALS DURING THE HEARING ON 2 JULY 2004

1. Dr Chesterfield-Evans asked Mr Lejins: What was the net increase in rail spending in the April Mini Budget as a percentage? (Hansard, page 19)

The answer is 27.9%. The calculation is set out below:

Additional Budgeted Spending for Passenger Rail

Reference (2004-05 Budget Papers)		Budget		Difference (\$,000)	%
		2003-04 (\$,000)	2004-05 (\$,000)		
BP3 p21-21	City Rail and Country Link Services	687,382	843,508	156,126	23%
BP3 p21-21	SSTS and other Concessions	224,708	226,935	2,227	1%
BP3 p21-21	Capital Program	283,213	422,147	138,934	49%
BP3 p21-21	Transitional and Redundancy Funding	67,100	42,200	- 24,900	-37%
BP4 p107	Clearways Borrowings	-	80,000	80,000	
	Total	1,262,403	1,614,790	352,387	27.9%

2. Ms Cusack asked Mr Lejins: Could you give the Committee a time series of the growth in CSO funding over the last five years? (Hansard, page 25).

A time series of budgeted and actual funding for the Country Rail Network is as follows:

Funding for the Maintenance of the NSW Country Rail Infrastructure

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Budget	170,950	169,408	206,628	286,087	285,545	123,000
Revised	170,950	256,453	246,628	286,087	357,545	

(See Note)

Note:

Additional expenditure in 2003-04 included provision for the costs of transition to management by the ARTC expected to occur in September 2004.