



The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
Minister for Transport

Budget Estimates Hearing 2013-14
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Question:

Regional Transport

1. What action is the Government taking to improve car parking at Bomaderry Station for Eurobodalla residents traveling to Sydney to access services?

Answer:

On 23 April 2012, the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Bomaderry Station will be considered as part of this process.

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Minister for Transport

PQ13/00617



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Regional Transport

2. What is the Government doing to ensure local service providers (including Medicare locals, GPs, Centrelink) in the Eurobodalla have access to information about public transport for their clients?

Answer:

Information about public transport is available at www.131500.com.au.

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PQ13/00622



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Question:

Regional Transport

3. What is the Government doing to ensure local service providers (including Medicare locals, GPs, Centrelink) in the Shoalhaven have access to information about public transport for their clients?

Answer:

Information about public transport is available at www.131500.com.au.

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PQ13/00624



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4. What action is the Government taking to reduce the length of bus routes and improve frequency of bus services in the Batemans Bay area?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

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PQ13/00632



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5. What action is the Government taking to reduce the length of bus routes and improve frequency of bus services in the Shellharbour area?

Answer:

The NSW Government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. Transport for NSW will work with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

Gladys Berejiklian MP
Minister for Transport

PQ12/00633



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6. What action is the Government taking to improve weekend bus services in the Batemans Bay area?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

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PQ13/00638



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7. Why did the Government cut the taxi voucher program for young people in the Eurobodalla?
8. What targeted programs is the Government investing in to improve access to public transport for young people in the Eurobodalla in the 2013-14 budget?

Answer:

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The NSW Government has demonstrated its commitment to transport disadvantaged members of the community by increasing Community Transport Program funding by \$12 million over four years, to provide improved access to vital transport services.

Eurobodalla Community Transport Service now receives an additional \$14,345 every year under the Community Transport Program, bringing its total annual allocation this year to \$42,047.

The Regional Transport Coordinator works closely with Youth Services and other community groups to develop local solutions to meet specific transport needs. Young people are key members of the transport disadvantage target group.

I am advised the program you refer to was funded as a trial initiative in 2006. Following the trial, the program was adopted by the Department of Community Services and subsequent agencies.

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9. What action is the Government taking to support the development of localised transport apps for rural and regional communities?

Answer:

The NSW Government is committed to continuing to work with operators and the app developer community to improve information to customers across NSW.

Information about real time apps is available at www.131500.com.au

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PQ13/00652



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Question:

Regional Transport

10. What grants, programs or other funding is available to developers outside of Sydney to develop apps for rural and regional communities?

Answer:

The NSW Government is committed to continuing to work with operators and the app developer community to improve information to customers across NSW.

Information about real time apps is available at www.131500.com.au

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11. What is the allocation to upgrade footpaths to improve transport accessibility in regional communities in 2013-14?
12. How much has been allocated to upgrade footpaths in Bega in 2013-14?
13. How much has been allocated to upgrade footpaths in Batemans Bay in 2013-14?
14. How much has been allocated to upgrade footpaths in Shellharbour in 2013-14?
15. How much has been allocated to upgrade footpaths in Bomaderry in 2013-14?
16. How much has been allocated to upgrade footpaths in Nowra in 2013-14??

Answer:

The management of footpaths is a matter for Local Government.

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17. What action is the Government taking to improve bus connections to Canberra for people traveling from Bega or Batemans Bay to access services?

Answer:

The NSW Government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. Transport for NSW will work with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

Gladys Berejiklian MP
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PQ12/00657



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Question:

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18. The Victorian Government funds bus service to Batemans Bay that links to regional rail. Would you consider implementing a similar CountryLink/NSW Trains Link service?

Answer:

There are several private services which already link Batemans Bay with regional rail stations.



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PQ13/00660



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19. What action is the Government taking to improve bike paths in rural and regional communities?
20. What is the allocation to bike paths in regional communities in 2013-14?
21. How much has been allocated to bike paths in Bega in 2013-14?
22. How much has been allocated to bike paths in Batemans Bay in 2013-14?
23. How much has been allocated to bike paths in Shellharbour in 2013-14?
24. How much has been allocated to bike paths in Bomaderry in 2013-14?
25. How much has been allocated to bike paths in Nowra in 2013-14?

Answer:

I refer to the answer I gave about 2013-14 regional cycling funding in the 2013 Budget Estimates hearing.

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PQ13/00662



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Question:

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26. Given the success of the Wollongong free shuttle bus, will the Government replicate this service in Shellharbour? If not, why not?

Answer:

The NSW Government recently reviewed the role of free shuttle buses in the transport network. Shuttle buses which attract low patronage or duplicated other routes have been discontinued.

It is regrettable that proper network planning did not underpin the introduction of the shuttles when they were rushed into services in the lead-up to the last election.

There are no plans to introduce any further free shuttle services.

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PQ13/00663



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Question:

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27. Why was there no community consultation about the decision to change the name of the train station formerly known as Flinders Station, to Shell Cove?

Answer:

Please refer to media release of 21 June 2013.

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PQ13/00670



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28. Given that people who live in rural and regional communities do not have the same access to public transport as their city counterparts, will the Government increase the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme for people who live in rural and regional communities?

Answer:

The Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme provides a 50 per cent taxi fare subsidy, up to \$30 per trip, to NSW residents who are unable to use public transport because of a qualifying severe and permanent disability. More information about the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme is available at www.transport.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered

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Question:

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29. What action is the Government taking to improve access to community transport in Shellharbour given that a recent amalgamation has led to the loss of volunteer drivers, and no weekend services?

Answer:

The NSW Government has demonstrated its commitment to improving community transport services by increasing Community Transport Program funding by \$12 million over four years, to provide improved access to vital transport services.

I am advised Community Transport: Wollongong – Shellharbour now receives an additional \$17,486 every year under the Community Transport Program, bringing its total annual allocation in 2013-14 to \$214,067.

The amalgamation of the community transport services provided by Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils has provided benefits to both local government areas. Community Transport: Wollongong – Shellharbour now operates a taxi voucher system that provides efficient out of hours transport, particularly on weekends, for eligible clients.

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Question:

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30. Given your Government's commitment to removing red tape, what is being done to remove the requirement that bans community transport providers from picking up passengers at nursing homes?

Answer:

I am advised:

Accredited Aged Care Facilities are currently funded through the Commonwealth Government and receive a funding component to allow for the costs of transport for nursing home residents. Nursing homes may be provided community transport services, however they are required to pay for the full cost of the service.

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PQ13/00680



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Question:

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31. What action is the Government taking to improve public transport access to health services, especially specialists in Wollongong, from Shellharbour?

Answer:

The NSW Government has demonstrated its commitment to improving community transport services by increasing Community Transport Program funding by \$12 million over four years, to provide improved access to vital transport services.

Less mobile customers may be eligible to use the Community Transport Program. Community Transport meets the specialised needs of community groups including older people, people with disabilities and their carers, isolated families and those without access to transport. The program provides eligible customers with access to recreation, shopping and medical care.

Additionally, the government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered

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PQ12/00686



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Question:

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32. What action is the Government taking to provide luggage racks on trains on the South Coast Line?

Answer:

The Government is constantly looking for new opportunities to improve the customer experience in rail.

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PQ13/00690



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33. Given that commuters report that the change of arrival platform for trains from the South Coast now arrive on at Central Station has made interchanges for people using the South Coast line difficult, especially older people and those with lots of luggage, what action is the Government taking to improve accessibility for these commuters?

Answer:

Lift access is available to platforms 24 and 25 to assist customers with a disability and those travelling with prams, young children or luggage.

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34. What action is the Government taking to improve travel times by train to Sydney from Shellharbour?

Answer:

Details of individual services will be made available closer to the introduction of the new timetable

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35. What action is the Government taking to better integrate Shellharbour bus services with the South Coast Line?

Answer:

Rail and bus connections are being reviewed as part of the development of the October 2013 timetable.

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PQ13/00696



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36. What action is the Government taking to improve pedestrian access to Oak Flats station, particularly for students from Corpus Christi School?

37. Will the Government build a pedestrian footbridge to improve access to Oak Flats station? If so, when will the project commence?

Answer:

I am advised that both the school and the station are on the northern side of the rail line, with footpaths connecting the station to the school at a signalised crossing at Moore Street.

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PQ13/00699



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Question:

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38. When will the Government begin consultation with the Illawarra community on a local regional transport plan? What is the timeframe for the plan to be released?

Answer:

The NSW Government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

I attended a community forum in the Illawarra last year to specifically seek feedback on Illawarra transport to feed into the Long Term Transport Master Plan and Illawarra Regional Transport Plan.

Hundreds of community members, local organisations and local MPs were all invited and an open invitation was publicised in local media.

All feedback and comments from the Illawarra are being considered in the development of the regional plan. The Illawarra Regional Transport Plan is currently being developed and will be released by the end of the year.

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Regional Transport

39. What action is the Government taking to improve public transport for young people in the Bega area?

Answer:

The NSW Government has demonstrated its commitment to transport disadvantaged members of the community by increasing Community Transport Program funding by \$12 million over four years, to provide improved access to vital transport services.

I am advised Bega Valley Community Transport Service now receives an additional \$14,294 every year under the Community Transport Program, bringing its total annual allocation in 2013-14 to \$54,155.

Transport for NSW's Regional Transport Coordinator works closely with Youth Services and younger community members to develop local solutions that will meet specific transport needs.

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PQ13/00704



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Question:

Regional Transport

40. Will the Government make public transport available in Bega on weekends, particularly to and from health services?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

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PQ13/00706



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41. What action is the Government taking to improve coordination between taxis and bus companies and community transport providers in Bega?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

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PQ13/00707



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Question:

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42. Does the Government have any plans to introduce a weekly bus service from Eden to Bega?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

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43. What action is the Government taking to improve transport between the towns and villages on the South Coast to support tourism?

Answer:

The NSW Government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

The Southern Regional Transport Plan is currently being developed and will be released by the end of the year.

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Minister for Transport

PQ13/00656



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Question:

Regional Transport

44. When will the South Coast Line be fully electrified between Sydney and Bomaderry?

Answer:

I am advised that there are no current plans to fully electrify the railway line between Sydney and Bomaderry.

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PQ13/00658



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Question:

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45. What plans does the Government have for the extension of the rail line down into Nowra, South Nowra and beyond?

Answer:

Please read the *NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan*.

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46. Given that commuters have expressed concern about the lack of staff at Kiama (particularly older people with luggage, people with disabilities and parents with prams), will the Government increase staffing at Kiama in response to these concerns?

Answer:

Kiama Station has an appropriate number of staff.

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PQ13/00661



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Question:

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47. What discussions has your Department had in relation to on-time-running and the work of the Manildra factory in Nowra?

Answer:

Sydney Trains has discussions with all affected freight operators as part of the planning process for major trackwork.

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PQ13/00664



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48. What action is your Government taking to improve security on the South Coast Line while the Police transport Command is not at operational capacity?

Answer:

Since the NSW Police Transport Command was created in May 2012, it has operated an office at Wollongong, which is one of four offices in its South/Southwest Sector.

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PQ13/00665



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Question:

Regional Transport

49. What action is your Government taking to improve integration between local bus services in Nowra and train services?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

Gladys Berejiklian MP
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PQ13/00666



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Question:

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50. Of the \$12 million promised for Community Transport across NSW, why has the Shoalhaven only received \$2000?

Answer:

The NSW Government has demonstrated its commitment to improving community transport services by increasing Community Transport Program funding by \$12 million over four years, to provide improved access to vital transport services.

I am advised Shoalhaven Community Transport Service now receives an additional \$13,262 every year under the Community Transport Program, bringing its total annual allocation in 2013-14 to \$200,875.

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PQ13/00667



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51. What action is the Government taking to improve access to bus services on Sundays and Public Holidays in the Shoalhaven?

Answer:

Transport for NSW is working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across NSW to ensure the unique future transport needs and requirements of their region are carefully considered.

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Question:

Regional Transport

52. Why are bus fares in the country more expensive than those in the city?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is available on the IPART website.

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PQ13/00669