



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-2010**

## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Transport, Illawarra

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Answers to be lodged by: Tuesday 13 October 2009

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17 September 2009	Tourism, Hunter	13 October 2009 [21 days]

**Questions relating to the portfolios of Transport and the Illawarra**

**17 September 2009, 9.15 am – 1.00 pm**

**Questions from Ms Hale**

1. Redfern Railway Station
  - a. In a Railcorp document on forward planning in a section titled “Capacity and Service Improvement Delivery 2006” on p. 175, it is claimed that the Redfern Railway Station upgrade will be done by 2011. Will this still be possible and who will be responsible for bringing the plan to fruition?
  - b. Will it be a minor upgrade or will it be a major work including the use of airspace above the station?
  - c. If it is not a major upgrade will disability access be included on at least one platform?
  - d. How will an upgraded Railway Station provide linkages to all the new developments such as the new RSL and Gibbons Street buildings, the North Eveleigh development, the Redfern Town Centre and the existing educational institutions in the area?

**Questions from Miss Gardiner**

2. Sydney Metro Staff
  - a. How many people work at Sydney Metro? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
  - b. How many people are currently employed in relation to the CBD to Rozelle Metro project including both directly and indirectly? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
  - c. How many people are currently employed in relation to the West Metro project including both directly and indirectly? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
  - d. What is the total Sydney Metro budget for media and communications?
  - e. Who is the Director of Communications for Sydney Metro? What is their salary?
  - f. What is the total media and communications budget for the CBD to Rozelle Metro for 2008-09? How much has been spent?
  - g. How much have you spent on radio advertising for the Sydney Metro?
  - h. How many staff and or contractors are designated to media/communications roles for the CBD to Rozelle Metro project? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
  - i. How many staff and or contractors are dedicated to community and stakeholder relations roles for the CBD to Rozelle Metro project? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
  - j. How many staff and or contractors are dedicated to planning roles for the CBD to Rozelle Metro project? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
  - k. How many staff and or contractors are dedicated to planning roles for the West Metro project? How much does it cost per week to employ these staff?
3. Clearways
  - a. Which projects will benefit under the \$353 million allocated in this year’s budget?
  - b. How many outstanding Clearways projects are there?
  - c. How many Clearways projects have been deferred? What are they?
  - d. How much will each remaining Clearways project cost?

- e. Why in the Clearways program has there been such gross budget blowouts in relation to the Clearways projects?
  - f. How do you account for only 6/16 projects being complete, despite a completion timetable of 2010?
  - g. Has the Liverpool turn been axed? If not, when will it be delivered?
4. Chatswood to Epping
- a. Are there plans to build commuter carparks at the three new stations along the Epping to Chatswood Rail line?
  - b. Are there plans to provide extra car parking spots at Epping Railway Station?
5. 626 carriages
- a. Have you awarded the tender for the seat coverings?
  - b. Why did you ignore the CSIRO's advice in relation to the seat material?
  - c. Why did you dismiss the CSIRO's concerns that the overseas sourced material had a greater fire risk with higher toxicity levels than the Australian alternative?
  - d. Is there appropriate storage for the 626 carriages once they are all delivered? If so, where are the yards?
  - e. Are you confident there will be no power shortages across the network due to the make of these carriages, which apparently require high energy consumption?
  - f. Is it true that this due to this high-energy consumption air-conditioning may not be operable during peak times in the new carriages?
  - g. You recently announced that some of the first carriages had arrived and were undergoing testing. What is the result of those tests?
6. Outer Suburban Carriages (OSCars)
- a. Have all 122 Tranche 2 OSCars been delivered?
  - b. When will they be fully delivered?
  - c. What is the total cost of the project?
  - d. When will Tranche 3 OSCars be fully delivered?
  - e. What is the total cost of the project?
7. Branch Lines
- a. With reference to the suspension of up to five County Regional network Services in the Mini-Budget, what quantity of grain was carried on these lines before the impact of the drought reduced the amount of grain carried to below financially viable levels?
  - b. Given that the end of the drought will see increased amounts of grain becoming available to harvest, which will have to be transported by road, what actions have you taken to repair the significant additional damage to regional roads that will occur as a result?
  - c. What are the specific safety concerns, which led to the suspension of the Cowra to Demondrille line as of 1 September 2009?
  - d. Is the line safe to use?
  - e. Why did you allow a train full of children to travel to Young by rail on 27 August 2009?
  - f. Why have you deprived the community of Cowra from tourism income generated by the local operation of the Lachlan Valley Railway?

8. Transit officers

- a. How many Transit Officers have been removed from patrolling trains and put into monitoring CCTV monitors instead?
- b. How many additional Transit Officers have been employed in the last 12 months?
- c. What future plans do you have in relation to Transit Officers?
- d. How much did it cost to change the Transit Officers' uniform?

9. Town Hall Railway Station Upgrade

- a. How much will the upgrade cost?
- b. When will it start and when will it be completed?
- c. What interim measures are you taking in relation to safety issues at the station, especially Fire Exits?
- d. What interim measures are you taking in relation to capacity issues at the station?

10. Wynyard Railway Station Upgrade

- a. When will the upgrade commence?
- b. When will the upgrade be completed?
- c. How much will the upgrade cost?
- d. How many additional commuters will the station be able to cater for during peak hour – especially in relation to the Transport needs of Barangaroo?

11. General – CityRail Services

- a. As of Monday 21 September 2009 how many:
  - i. Daily rail services are there?
  - ii. Train drivers are there?
  - iii. Cleaners are there?
  - iv. Station managers are there?
  - v. Transit officers are there?
  - vi. Ticket sellers/customer service attendants are there?
  - vii. Train guards are there?
  - viii. Maintenance staff are there?

12. General – CountryLink Services

- a. As of Monday 21 September 2009 how many:
  - i. CountryLink train drivers are there?
  - ii. CountryLink train guards are there?
  - iii. CountryLink cabin crew are there?
  - iv. CountryLink customer service (i.e. travel agents/ticket sellers) are there?
  - v. CountryLink ticket offices are there? Where are they located?
  - vi. CountryLink maintenance staff are there?

13. Ferry Safety

- a. Currently how many ferries have been equipped with night vision?
- b. Are you on track to have all the ferries equipped with night vision by then end of December this year?
- c. What is the total cost of the project?

14. Sydney Ferries Review

- a. Has the Review into free and subsidised travel for charities been completed?

- b. If not, why and when will it be completed?
- c. If yes, what were the findings? Is the review publicly available?

15. General – Sydney Ferries

- a. As of Monday 21 September 2009 how many:
  - i. Daily ferry services are there?
  - ii. Ferry captains are there?
  - iii. Ferry deckhands are there?
  - iv. Customer service attendants (i.e. ticket sellers/information) are there?
  - v. Maintenance staff are there?

16. 43 strategic bus corridors

- a. How many of the 43 strategic corridors have been completed?
- b. How much money has been spent on the projects to date?
- c. When will all the 43-bus corridors be completed?
- d. Is the strategic bus corridors' success reliant on PTIPS being installed on the buses serving those corridors?

17. Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS)

- a. How many STA buses have been fitted with PTIPS?
- b. When will all STA buses be fitted with PTIPS technology?
- c. Is the project running to schedule?
- d. Has PTIPS been installed on 300 Northern beaches buses?
- e. Have contracts been signed with private bus companies for the installation of PTIPS?
- f. Has the rollout for the installation of PTIPS on private buses started?
- g. When will the installation of PTIPS technology be complete on private buses?
- h. What is the total cost of the PTIPS project?

18. Bus maintenance

- a. How many buses are out of service as of Monday 21 September 2009 due to maintenance problems?
- b. On average, how many buses are out of service due to driver shortage?

19. Bus Safety

- a. How many buses are without CCTV cameras?
- b. OTSI recommended installing forward and backward looking cameras on buses – where is this up to?

20. Bus Fleet

- a. How many extra buses, that is buses that do not replace existing buses, will come on-line this year?
- b. When will the 150-articulated buses be fully delivered?
- c. When will the 300 buses for growth be fully delivered?
- d. How many new STA buses have been delivered this year? Which ones were they?

21. General – Sydney Buses

- a. As of Monday 21 September 2009, how many:
  - i. Daily STA bus services are there?
  - ii. Bus drivers are there?

- iii. Customer service attendants (i.e. ticket sellers/information) are there?
- iv. Maintenance staff are there?

22. NSW Transport and Infrastructure Agency (formerly the MOT)

- a. What was the total cost of establishing the NSW Transport Infrastructure Agency?
- b. How many people are employed to work there?
- c. How many people were employed when it was the Ministry of Transport?
- d. How many people are employed in the media communications section at the NSW Transport and Infrastructure Agency? How much does it cost to employ these staff each week?
- e. How many people are employed in the corporate communications section of the NSW Transport and Infrastructure Agency? How much does it cost to employ these staff each week?
- f. How do these numbers differ from when it was the Ministry of Transport?
- g. What is the agency's annual budget for media communications?
- h. What is the agency's annual budget for corporate communications?
- i. How many people are employed who purely focus on the media? What are their roles?
- j. What resources are used to track media, such as media portal? How much do these resources cost?
- k. What type of interaction do communication staff have with the Minister's Office and the media?
- l. What is the total entertainment budget and actual expenditure in entertainment for the NSW Transport and Infrastructure Agency and other associated agencies?

23. New Transport Co-ordination Group

- a. What is the total budget for establishing and running the new Transport Coordination Group?
- b. How many people are employed there?
- c. How many people are employed in the media communications section at the NSW Transport Co-ordination Group? How much does it cost to employ these staff each week?
- d. What new infrastructure and resources are you looking at to improve operations over the coming months?

24. Relationship between the Transport and Infrastructure Agency (formerly MOT) with Sydney Metro

- a. What is the relationship between the Transport and Infrastructure Agency and Sydney Metro?
- b. How many Transport and Infrastructure Agency staff have been seconded to work at Sydney Metro?
- c. What were the roles of the staff seconded?