



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Supplementary Questions on Notice

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Roads and Ports

Friday 12 October 2012

Answers to be lodged by: Wednesday 7 November 2012

Budget Estimates Secretariat
Telephone 9230 2412
Fax 9230 2981
budget.estimateds@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Questions from the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC

1. When does the Government expect to make an announcement about its decision on Transurban's unsolicited proposal to build the M2 to F3 link?
2. Will the current M5 West widening project meet the Austroad standards in relation to breakdown lanes?
3. What is the current number of FTE at the Centre for Road Safety, as at 30 September 2012?
4. What was the number of FTEs at the Centre for Road Safety on 30 September 2011?
5. What was the number of FTEs at the Centre for Road Safety on 30 September 2010?
6. What is the anticipated number of FTEs for the Centre for Road Safety in the 2013-14 financial year?
7. What was the budget allocation for the Centre for Road Safety in 2011-12?
8. What is the budget allocation for the Centre for Road Safety in 2012-13?
9. What is the anticipated allocation for the Centre for Road Safety in 2013-14?
10. What consultation will the Government undertake in relation to the closure of motor registries and Maritime Offices?
11. How many motor registries and Maritime offices does the Government anticipate will be closed?
12. When will the Government be announcing which motor registries and which Maritime offices it will close down?
13. On what basis is the Government refusing the community's request for a by pass at Windsor?
14. When does the Government anticipate the EIS for the RMS's preferred option for Windsor Bridge to be undertaken?
15. How much has been allocated to implement the Speed Camera Strategy in 2012-13?
16. How many new warning signs for have been installed under the Speed Camera Strategy?
17. When will all camera sites have their signs replaced?
18. How many sites do point-to-point cameras currently operate?

19. How many additional sites does the Government plan to install point-to-point cameras in 2012-13?
20. How many mobile cameras have been installed as a result of nominations from the community and where are these sites?
21. How many red light speed cameras are currently located in regional NSW?
22. Given the Speed Camera Strategy has identified regional NSW as a priority for action on red light speed cameras, how many additional sites in regional NSW will red light speed cameras are installed in 2012-13?
23. How many school zone sites currently have fixed speed cameras? How many additional school zone sites will have fixed speed cameras installed in 2012-13?
24. When will be the dedicated website to provide speed camera enforcement information to the public be completed?
25. How were residents notified that a new point-to-point camera was to be installed on the Pacific Highway in Urunga (ABC – 20 Sept 2012)? If they were not notified then why not as action 10 in the "summary of actions" in the NSW Speed Camera strategy states: "regularly inform the community about new speed camera enforcement in their local area and the reason for this enforcement occurring"
26. \$9 million has been allocated to the upgrade of the Maitland roundabout but the government has said construction will not start until 2014. How will this \$9 million be spent and why won't the government commit to start building this project next year?
27. How many letters has the RMS issued warning that their names and addresses were being released to private car operators?
28. How many more letters does the RMS anticipate it will send in the future?
29. What is being done to protect the personal information held by RMS?
30. When will the Government act to close this loophole that is being taken advantage of by private car park operators who are demanding as much as \$173.
31. Have the standards that apply to motorcycle helmets recently changed?
32. What are the changes?
33. What prompted the changes?
34. Who was consulted about the changes?
35. Was the Motorcycle Council of NSW consulted about the changes?

36. Are the recent changes different to the ACCC standards?
37. Which organisations can now certify if a helmet meets the Australian standards?
38. Which organisations can no longer certify if a helmet meets Australian standards and why can they no longer undertake certification?
39. Was a regulatory impact statement done prior to the change in standards?
40. Is the change in standards applying to motorcycle helmets inconsistent with the principle of mutual recognition?
41. Will riders travelling from Queensland on their way to the Phillip Island Motorcycle Grand Prix be booked for not complying with the new NSW standards?
42. In relation to clearways on the Princes Highway Bulli, when will the RTA conduct a public meeting to discuss this proposal with concerned small business owners in the area?
43. What specific traffic modelling indicates that it is necessary to install these additional Clearways?
44. Has this modelling being discussed with local residents and small business owners?
45. When will a final decision be made about these Clearways by your agency?
46. In relation to the rest stop on Mt Ousley Road, what if any more planning needs to be done?
47. What is the estimated budget for this project?
48. Where does it sit in terms of an overall priority list for Rest Stop upgrades?
49. In relation to the extension of Memorial Drive in the Illawarra, what is the level of planning that RMS has undertaken in relation to the next stage of this project?
50. How many properties have been acquired along the corridor?
51. Do you have estimation on when works are likely to start on this project?
52. Have there been any estimates carried out on the cost of this project?
53. In relation to the upgrade of the intersection of the Princes Highway, Bellevue Drive and The Avenue in Figtree, when will the upgrade be completed?
54. What is the estimated final budget for this project?
55. Why did the \$2 million RMS North Richmond Bridge traffic study – examining the road infrastructure needs or the local area - not take into account the traffic movements from the 2000 new dwellings proposed in the North Richmond Joint Venture and Glossodia Projects?

56. In relation to speed camera on the Pacific Highway in Urunga, how many warning letters have been issued since the camera was switched to "warning mode" and how many fines have been issued? Is the camera still there? Is the camera still on "warning mode"? Has alternative safety measures been installed? What are the alternative safety measures?
57. In relation to the other 37 cameras that were switched off or removed as announced by the Government in July 2011 – at how many of these sites have alternative safety measures been completed? How much has been spent on the safety works? How much has been allocated for 2012-13 for the safety works at these sites? When will the safety works be completed?
58. In future will alternate safety treatments be done prior to the removal of a camera? If not then how long after the removal of the camera will alternate treatments be completed?
59. How many Roads and Maritime Service staff have been offered redundancies since the formation of Transport for NSW?
60. From what area of Roads and Maritime Services did the redundancies come from?
61. If redundancies need have not yet been offered, when will they be offered?
62. How many SES positions will be cut as a result of the formation of Transport for NSW?
63. What is the administrative cost of the RTA and Maritime Service restructure as a result of the formation of Transport for NSW which includes such things as new stationary, any office relocations, new signage etc
64. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?
65. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
66. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
67. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
68. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
69. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
70. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
71. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
72. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?

73. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
74. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?
75. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
76. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
77. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
78. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
79. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
80. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
81. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
82. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
83. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
84. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
85. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?
86. How many political advisors are in your office?
87. How many administration staff?
88. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
89. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
90. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?

If so, in what capacities?
91. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
92. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?
93. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

94. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
95. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
96. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
97. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
98. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
99. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?
100. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2011/12?
101. What is your Department's catering budget?
102. What is your Department's stationary budget?
103. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
104. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?
105. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
106. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
107. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
108. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
109. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?
- If yes,
- What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
 - On what date was the funding advanced?
 - What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?

- g. What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?
- h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

110. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?

111. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?

112. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?

113. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?

114. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:

Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;

- a. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- b. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- c. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
- d. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- e. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- f. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

115. Have any agencies within your Department(s) engaged consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

116. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?

117. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

118. How much have your agencies spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

119. What is your Department(s) budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?

120. Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?

121. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?

122. How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?

123. What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?

124. Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If so, then;

- a. Who conducted the training?

- b. When was it conducted?
 - c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - d. Who paid for the training?
125. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011
- a. kilometres travelled
 - b. accommodation,
 - c. air fares
 - d. meals/entertaining?
126. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011;
- a. meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
 - b. functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
127. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
- a. Are these meetings documented?
 - b. Who attends these meetings?
128. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?
129. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;
- a. Who conducted the training?
 - b. When was it conducted?
 - c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - d. Who paid for the training?

End of questions from the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC.

Questions from the Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC

1. M5: Regarding the installation of air pollution warning signs at the entrance to the M5, it was also announced that a public education campaign would be conducted, that this would include an education booklet and online campaign.
 - a. Please provide details of the education program that will be conducted relating to air pollution in the M5 tunnel

2.
 - a. Is Transport for NSW retaining paid consultants to review all the submissions towards the draft Long Term Transport Master Plan?
 - b. If so, who are the consultants?
 - c. If so, what is the fee for the production of this report?
 - d. When will this report be released to the public?
 - e. Will all the submissions to the draft Long Term Transport Master Plan be available on the Transport for NSW website for scrutiny by the public?
 - f. If so when will they be posted on the website?

3. The Minister for Roads and Ports has said a dedicated public transport corridor will be provided on the West Connex tollway, what provision will be made for dedicated public transport lanes on the F3-M2 motorway?

4. How much money will be saved by building the West Connex as a slot arrangement rather than as a tunnel?

5.
 - a. what percentage of greenhouse gases emitted in NSW is due to transport?
 - b. what the contribution of road transport vehicles (cars trucks, light commercial vehicles and buses) is to total transport emissions?

6. In the RTA's latest annual report¹ for 2011-12 the direct greenhouse gas emissions of the organisation is reported and compares this to the previous year's emissions. In that report the RTA's climate action plan including managing the RTA's transition to a low carbon economy is also mentioned,
 - a. Please outline what major initiatives the RMS propose to undertake to achieve this and what budget allocations there are to support these plans?
 - b. This time last year the RTA website stated that two working parties had been established to address direct and indirect emissions of greenhouse gases, please provide information regarding the progress of these two working parties and what recommendations have been made?

7. The Roads and Maritime Services also refers to itself as the RTA, including at its Motor Registries and its web site address; when will the transition be completed whereby this organisation will only be referred to as the Roads and Maritime Services rather than as the Roads and Traffic Authority?

¹ <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/publicationsstatisticsforms/downloads/11-12-p1-rta-ar-full.pdf> page 35

8.

- a. Are any toll road operations subject to any financial government guarantees which may have been necessary for loan finance for toll road operators, in particular for the M2 and the subsequent upgrade, but also for any other toll roads?
- b. Is there any agreement between the government and Transurban in relation to the M2 and any upgrades which includes any clauses restricting increased bus services or additional bus lanes?

9.

- a. Do new road projects or road network upgrades in regional areas have any requirement to investigate the feasibility of providing cycleways as a component of the project?
- b. If so, on what terms are decisions made as to whether a cycleway is provided as part of a road project?

10. Please provide a breakdown of how many containers coming out of Port Botany go to each of the intermodal terminals

11.

- a. How many vehicles use Parramatta Road in each direction per hour on weekdays, please provide a breakdown over a 24 hour period?
 - i. How many cars?
 - ii. How many light commercial vehicles?
 - iii. How many trucks?
- b. How many vehicles use Parramatta Road in each direction per hour on weekends, please provide a breakdown over a 24 hour period?
 - i. How many cars?
 - ii. How many light commercial vehicles?
 - iii. How many trucks?