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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Transport

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18 November 2010	Transport	14 December 2010 [21 days]

Questions relating to the portfolio of Transport

18 November 2010, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Questions from Ms Gardiner

SYDNEY FERRIES

1. Why have you planned for a 4.8% decline in patronage for Sydney Ferries as outlined in the Metropolitan Transport Plan (p15) over the next ten years?
2. Is the decline in patronage consistent with advice provided to the State Government by Transport NSW?
3. Where will services be cut given there are plans for two thousand fewer ferry commuters in 2020 than we have today – notwithstanding the increase in population and demand?
4. What was the advice to State Government in relation to implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Walker Inquiry into Sydney Ferries?
5. Can you please outline what analysis was undertaken prior to the decision to announce the recent ferry timetable changes?

CRONULLA LINE DUPLICATION

1. Given the Government spent \$436 million on the Cronulla Line Duplication, why has only one extra afternoon peak service be added on the most overcrowded CityRail line (Illawarra)?
2. Are there any plans to add more afternoon peak services from the city to Cronulla?
3. Why does the current train timetable for the Illawarra line allow 17 minutes for trains to travel from Cronulla to Sutherland, when the 1989 train timetable allowed 15 minutes for the same route?

WARATAH CARRIAGES

1. What is the total cost of upgrading the CityRail network's sub-stations and power supply to be able to take the 626 carriages?
2. Has the work been completed? If not, when do you expect the work to be completed?
3. Can you please outline the schedule for the delivery of these carriages, including how many cars will be delivered at each delivery stage?
4. What did the testing of the carriages reveal?

BUSES

1. Of the 43 strategic bus corridors promised since 2005, how many have been **fully** implemented? Which ones are they?
2. Of the 43 strategic bus corridors, how many are transit ways?
3. How many bus transit ways have been fully implemented? Which ones are they?
4. Of the 31 strategic bus corridors that are fully or partially implemented – which ones are partially implemented? When will each of those be delivered?
5. Of the 1000 buses promised in the Metropolitan Transport Plan, when will all 1000 of them be in operation?
6. What is the total project cost for the 1000 buses?
7. In July this year 200 of the 1000 buses promised had been granted conditional approval. Has a contract now been signed?
8. When will those 200 buses be delivered?

EASY ACCESS

1. On what basis do you choose which stations are given priority to receive easy access upgrades?
2. What are the guidelines to follow when choosing which stations receive upgrades?
3. Why does Redfern remain without easy access considering it is ranked the 7th busiest station across the network?
4. Why would a station with considerably less patronage than another receive an easy access upgrade?
5. How many easy access upgrades have been promised or are in train?
6. What is the status of each upgrade?
7. On average how much does it cost to install a lift?
8. On average how much does it cost to build a ramp?
9. On average how much does it cost to build wheelchair accessible bathroom facilities at a station or Transport Interchange?
10. On average how much does it cost to upgrade an existing bathroom to make it wheelchair accessible?

11. On average how much does it cost to install tactile tiles?
12. How many easy access upgrades will be completed in the next six months?
13. Are there any plans for additional easy access upgrades other the ones you have mentioned?

CLEARWAYS

1. What is the status of each remaining project?
2. When will each remaining project be completed?
3. What is the estimated final cost for each project, which is yet to be complete?

COMMUTER CAR PARKS

1. On what basis do you choose which stations receive a commuter car park or an extension to an existing commuter car park?
2. What are the guidelines to follow when choosing which stations receive a commuter car park or an extension to an existing commuter car park?
3. How many commuter car parks have been promised and what is the status of each car park?
4. Are there any plans for additional commuter car parks or expanding existing car parks other the ones you have mentioned?
5. On average how much does one car spot cost for a single level car park?
6. On average how much does one car spot cost for a multi-story car park?
7. How many commuter car parks will be complete in the next six months and where are they located?

CYCLE WAYS

1. In relation to the \$158 million the State Government has promised bicycle projects as part of the Metropolitan Transport Plan – what will this money be allocated to?
2. What will the yearly expenditure be over the next 10 years?
3. Which bike paths in greater Sydney will be completed in the next 2 years and what are the specific projects?

NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE

1. Has RailCorp been approached to compile the business case on behalf of the NSW State Government for referral to Infrastructure Australia for funding the project?
2. Has Transport NSW participated in the compilation of that business case?
3. If so, when will it be completed and publically released?
4. Regarding the AECOM Newcastle City Centre Renewal Transport Management and Accessibility Plan:
 - a. On what basis are contingency reserves established when providing costings to the NSW State Government for projects such as light rail?
 - b. What rationale was given for contingency reserves of up to 30 per cent for that project and associated project costs?
 - c. When was Transport NSW approached to provide costings to the AECOM plan?
 - d. Was the potential removal of existing heavy rail infrastructure incorporated into those costings?

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF SYDNEY

1. Why did the Labor Government oppose a CBD light rail network in 2007? What has changed?

BARANGAROO DEVELOPMENT

1. What involvement has Transport NSW had with the Barangaroo development and establishing the transport needs for that precinct?
2. What advice, if any, has Transport NSW provided on the Barangaroo project?
3. When will the Barangaroo light rail stop be completed?
4. When will the Barangaroo ferry wharf be completed?
5. How much will the light rail cost?
6. How much will the ferry wharf cost?
7. How many services per day will utilise the Barangaroo ferry wharf?
8. How much will the underground pedestrian tunnel from Barangaroo and Wynyard cost? When will it be complete?

SCHOOL SEAT BELTS

1. What is the current State Government policy into school bus seat belts?
2. Do you have any plans to introduce seat belts on school buses?
3. Has the Government completed its review into priority school bus routes? If so what were the findings?