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Minister for Transport  
Minister for the Central Coast

**QUESTION:**            **Budget Estimate**

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**Question:**


**Ms CATE FAEHRMANN:** How much is stage one of the North West Rail Link from Epping to Castle Hill currently costed at by your Government?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take it on notice and come back to you.

**Answer:**

I understand that it is not proposed to stage the delivery of the project. I am advised that the capital cost estimate for the entire North West Rail Link from Epping to Rouse Hill is \$6.7 billion.

Additionally, quadruplication of the North Shore Line between Chatswood and St Leonards is estimated at \$700 million and extra stabling at \$140 million.

  
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**Question:**

**Ms CATE FAEHRMANN:** Is the Government prepared to release the advice it has received, including advice from external consultants, on which corridor through the central business district is best for maximising capacity across the entire CityRail network?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take that on notice.

**Ms CATE FAEHRMANN:** Are you prepared to release it?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take it on notice and come back to you.

**Answer:**

The NSW Government is currently conducting analysis on the preferred route through the CBD for delivery of the Western Express project and wider benefits across the CityRail network. The results of this analysis will be publicly released.

  
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**Question:**

**Ms CATE FAEHRMANN:** Will the Minister release details of those estimates [North West Rail Link] so that the public can have some kind of faith in the costings of the projects under it?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

I am advised that a detailed breakdown of cost estimates are generally not publicly released. However, cost estimates go through a rigorous process of scrutiny by NSW Treasury and the Budget Committee of Cabinet.

  
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**QUESTION:** Budget Estimates

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**Question:**

**CHAIR:** Minister, with respect to the CBD to Rozelle Metro and the contingency plan the State Government made in relation to outstanding claims for compensation, can I ask you again to give a figure for that amount? It might assist you if I gave you a date, say, 30 June this year. What was the contingency that you factored in at that date?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

I am advised that the financial information requested may impact on ongoing commercial negotiations in relation to the claims process and therefore cannot be provided at this time. Information regarding claims payments will be included in the Sydney Metro Annual Report.

  
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**Question:**

**The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX:** Minister, where is that money going to come from? Will it come from the funding from your fully funded Metropolitan Transport Plan or some other bucket?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take it on notice.

**CHAIR:** You do not know off the top of your head where all that money is coming from?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I just told you, I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

I am advised that the required funding for Metro compensation claims will be provided from the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 budget allocation to Sydney Metro.

  
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**Question:**

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** The system will be similar. The policy for the electronic ticketing system will be largely consistent with the principles of the recently introduced MyZone fare system.

**The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX:** Can you please outline the major milestones for the project in terms of delivery timetable and just confirm the timings?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

I am advised that the major milestones of the delivery timetable for the electronic ticketing system program are:

Mid 2011	Begin rollout of cash consoles on private bus network
Late 2012	Begin rollout of electronic ticketing system on ferry network
Mid 2013	Begin rollout of electronic ticketing system on rail network
2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	Begin rollout of electronic ticketing system on government and private bus networks
2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2014	Rollout completed across all modes of transport

  
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**QUESTION:** Budget Estimates

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**Question:**

**Ms CATE FAEHRMANN:** When the Federal Government announced its support for the Parramatta to Epping project at a cost of \$2.1 billion, did it review the State Government's project costings or did it simply accept them?

**The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON:** You would have to ask the Commonwealth Government what it did or did not do. As I said, we have been having a dialogue. I cannot answer for what the Commonwealth did or did not do.

**Ms CATE FAEHRMANN:** Do you have an estimate for land acquisition costs?

**Mr WIELINGA:** We will have to take that question on notice. As I said earlier, they are not included in the \$2.6 billion. We need to continue the review work and the land acquisition costs will have to be reconsidered again as part of that process.

**Answer:**

The project will go through a rigorous planning and development phase which will refine the scope and capital costs of all elements of the project.

Funding the project will be a combination of Commonwealth and State contributions. The State's contribution is within the \$50.2 billion Metropolitan Transport Plan budget.

  
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