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BUDGET ESTIMATES – ROADS – Mr Don Harwin asked the Minister for Roads–

I wonder, though, if you could take on notice a question about how much in the 2005-06 budget has been allocated for the widening of the Spit Bridge.

Answer

In the 2005-06 State Budget, \$1 million was allocated for the widening of the Spit Bridge.



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(Concerning the Tunnel Filtration Trial) “How much public money has been spent to date?”

Answer

I am advised that \$507,000.00 has been spent.



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Minister can you give us a breakdown of the proportion of the State's roads budget that is spent on metropolitan Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong as opposed to the rest of NSW? What is the current breakdown?

Answer

The 2005/06 State Budget allocated \$1.270 billion which is 52% of the roads capital and maintenance program to be spent in Country areas of New South Wales. The amount allocated to the Wollongong, Sydney, Central Coast and Newcastle areas was \$1.156 billion or 48% of the total.



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Could you provide the Committee with a list of all the elements of the indicative forward program, on the Princes Highway including geographical locations?

Answer

A list of projects and indicative allocations in the forward program (2005/06 to 2008/09) for the Princes Highway is as follows:

North Kiama Bypass

Pambula Bridge and Approaches

Oakflats to Dunmore

Conjola Mountain Deviation / Conjola Creek Bridge

Kiama Ramps

Northern Distributor Extension

Princes Highway/Lawrence Hargrave Drive Intersection

Complete Overtaking lane strategy

Route Options Study – Kiama to Nowra

Minor works, planning and property acquisitions



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Are you aware that Dr Peter Manins of the CSIRO has revealed that the traffic data used by the ventilation designers result in the PM10 emissions being underestimated between 50 and 100 per cent, with traffic volumes underestimated by 20 per cent and the number of hours the tunnel will operate at or near capacity just after opening are underestimated?

Answer

I am advised that the Lane Cove Tunnel Company and Thiess John Holland are confident that particle emissions for the Lane Cove Tunnel have been appropriately estimated. I am informed that your assertion regarding underestimation of traffic volumes is not reflected in Dr Manins' Report.



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Based on the Thiess John Holland information it would appear that the RTA has been complicit in providing false information to the Lane Cove Tunnel Air Quality Community Consultative Committee, knowing that truck and peak hour traffic volumes were significantly lower than the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

Answer

I am advised that the Lane Cove Tunnel Company used heavy vehicle and peak hour traffic volumes consistent with the EIS. I understand that information provided to the Lane Cove Tunnel Air Quality Community Consultative Committee is valid and sensitivity analysis using EIS data and current data has found the model inputs to be conservative.



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Why did the RTA underspend its 2004-05 allocation for the planning of this particular piece of road by – as the budget figure show by a comparison of this year's budget papers and those for last year – a figure of \$1.09 million, or in fact nearly 50 per cent?

Answer

In the 2004-05 State Budget \$2.2 million was allocated to continue planning, acquire properties and relocate a major water main servicing Kiama. I am advised that the Land and Environment Court decision significantly reduced the funds required to acquire the properties and delays in planning approvals by Sydney Water deferred the water main relocation until 2005-06.



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Will you indicate exactly what projects have been funded thus far between 1998/99 and 2004/05 out of the \$362 million (spent on the Princes Highway)?

Answer

The projects funded between 1998/99 and 2004/05 on the Princes Highway are:

Acacia Road:Kirrawee
Approaches to Pambula Bridge
Bomaderry Pavement Reconstruction
Bridge & Approaches Government Road
Browns Road Roundabout - South Nowra
Bus priority Balmoral Road Burrill Lake Junction
Bus Priority, Bellambi to Bulli
Central Drainage and Central Guardrail, Kiama Bends South. Weir Street Bridge
Conjola mountain deviation
Construction of slip lane Wilson Parade/Princes Hwy Heathcote
Convert railway bridge to pedestrian bridge - Bulli
Cooks River Bridge Rehabilitation
Development projects (12) each less than \$200k
Drainage Rehabilitation Works - Southern Region
Federal development (1) project less than \$200k
Four Lane Widening Mogo-Moruya

Guardrail installation – Bega
Guardrail installation - Princes Highway Shoalhaven
Heavy Patching at Bellambi
Heavy Patching at Bomadery
Heavy Patching Bega
Intersection improvement Lake Tabourie
Intersection improvements Princess Highway and Morchells Rd - Meroo
Kiama offload ramps
Maintenance Projects (30) each less than \$200k
Milton-Ulladulla Overtaking Lane
Mogo-Moruya Stages 3&4
North Kiama Bypass
Northern Approaches Wagonga Inlet Bridge
Oak Flats Interchange
Overtaking lane north of Bega
Overtaking Lane South of Alsops Creek Bega
Pambula River Bridge maintenance works
Pavement Reconstruction North of Cockwhy Ck
Pavement Reconstruction South Eden
Pavement Reconstruction South of Eden
Pavement Rehabilitation
Pavement Rehabilitation
Pavement Rehabilitation Kiama
Pavement Rehabilitation North of Imlay Road
Pavement Rehabilitation various locations South of Nowra
Pavement Works at Holbeach Rd
Pavement works Harrow Road - Rockdale
Pavement Works Tom Uglys Bridge to AcaciaRd
Pedestrian access improvement Blakehurst
Princes Highway - Oak Flats to Dunmore
Princes Highway - Wollongong Northern Distributor Extension
Princes Highway Chain Wire Replacement:Bega
Princes Highway clearzone improvements (Strategic Mass Action)
Princes Highway Heavy Patching
Princes Highway improvements Bawley Point Rd Termeil
Princes Highway Lamonds/Boxsells Junction improvements
Princes Highway Resurfacing
Princes Highway Route Management
Princes Highway Routine Pavement
Realignment of Belinda St Gerringong
Reconstruct Shoulder Improvements Berry/Cambewarra: Shoalhaven
Reconstruction Parsons Road - Racecourse Ck
Rehabilitate Pambula Bridge
Rehabilitation North of Blue Waterholes
Repairs to Clyde River Bridge
Repairs to Clyde River Bridge
Repairs to Coila Creek Bridge
Repairs to Narooma Bridge
Replace and Widen Conjola Creek Bridge
Replace Croobyar Creek Bridge
Replace Harts Gully Bridge
Replace Pedestrian Bridge at Arncliffe
Replace Trunketabella Creek Bridge
Rest Area Princes Highway- Bewong
Rest Area Princes Highway- Wallagaraugh River
Resurfacing
Right turn bay Strongs Road - Jaspers Brush
Road Routine Maintenanc at Bellambi
Road Safety projects (10) each less than \$200k

Road safety projects (30) each less than \$200k
Road Widening at South Nowra
Roadscape Maintenance
Roadscape Maintenance at Bellambi
Roadscape Maintenance at Bomaderry
Roundabout at Buckajo Road
Roundabout at Central Avenue
Roundabout at Ford Street
Roundabout at London Drive
Roundabout at Parsons Street
Roundabout at Quinn Lane
Roundabout at Rose Valley Road
Routine Bridge Maintenance Southern Region
Routine Road Maintenance at Bomadery
Routine Roadside Maintenance
Safety improvements South of fox ground
Safety improvements Warra Warra Road
Signals Princes Highway - Bridge St Nowra
Slip North of Narooma
Slope Stability Kiama Bypass
Southern Region Bridge Routine Maintenance
Strengthen Batemans Bay Bridge
Strengthen Clyde River Bridge
Tom Uglys Bridge Deck Works
Tom Uglys Bridge Repainting
Traffic Control Systems Princes & O'Briens Road Figtree
Traffic management projects (81) each less than \$200k
Traffic signals Princes Highway/Hobart St Bulli
Various Bega Valley Reconstruction works
Various pavement rehabilitation works
Widen/replace Condis Creek Bridge
Yallah Overbridge (Northbound Deceleration Lane)
Yellow Pinch to Millingandi Reconstruction
Yowaka River Harts Creel overtaking Lanes



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Does that [the plan to provide three lanes on the Great Western Highway to Bathurst progressively] come within the 1999 to 2011 time frame?

Answer

Between Lithgow and Bathurst, 30 per cent of the length now has four lanes, 48 percent now has three lanes and the remaining 22 percent or approximately 12 km is a two lane road. The RTA is currently investigating the provision of one additional pair of overtaking lanes and extending the four lane length east from Bathurst. This work is expected to be undertaken by 2011.



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What is the daily traffic volume using the Cross City Tunnel?

Could you take it on notice and release that information?

Will you take it on notice that you will ask the consortium if that information can be released?

Answer

There has been considerable developments since this question was asked 20 September 2005, including the introduction of a toll free period by the Cross City Tunnel. This is seeing some quite significant variation in the patronage of the tunnel. I am eager for the Cross City Tunnel to put as much information about their traffic volume as possible on the public record.



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