

Notice Given: 10 December 2007

Asked By: The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC

Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

In relation to what would trigger a payment:

Was that a successful commuter field trial or just going to a field trial?

Answer:

I am advised

Information regarding milestones, Milestone Events, payment triggers and commuter field trials are contained in documents, including the contract, the Variation Agreement 1 and Amending Agreement 2.

**John Watkins MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
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Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

In terms of the contract with ERG, if a decision was made to terminate the contract - I understand that you are not in a position to comment at this stage - what part of the intellectual property and technology developed under the contract would be able to be used by the Government or a new contractor?

If you could just clarify who owns the intellectual property under the Tcard contract in the context of that answer, that would be most appreciated.

Answer:

I am advised

All intellectual property rights in system data that is created by the TCard system lie with the PTTC.

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Asked By: Ms Lee Rhiannon

Question:

Ms Lee Rhiannon to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation (“PTTC”):

But all I am after are the details that were provided to the company to carry forward the project. In my opening question I said that I had read on a couple of occasions that there was no fare structure provided, and it has been suggested that this has been the basis of the subsequent problems that the project has run into. That is what I was seeking comment on.

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding fare structures is contained in documents that comprise the executed Integrated Ticketing System Project Agreement.

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Minister for Finance**

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Asked By: The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC

Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

Can you confirm when each of the transport agencies - buses, rail and ferries - actually signed up to the Tcard project?

I understand that there was a process whereby there was some resistance on behalf of some of those agencies to sign up to be part of the Tcard project. Is that true?

Answer:

I am advised:

Agencies have entered into Memorandums of Understanding in relation to their participation in an integrated ticketing scheme.

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Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

In relation to the limitation of liability under the contract, I understand that there is a clause for liquidated damages with a cap of \$10 million. I am informed that as at 30 June 2006 a total of \$3.5 million of liquidated damages had been paid pursuant to that clause? Would you confirm that? Do you have that information or can you supply it on notice? More generally, in his report of 2006 the Auditor General said that he was not aware of any further remedy for delay beyond the cap of \$10 million in the contract. Would you clarify if there is any further remedy under the contract or other action the Government might take to seek compensation for the extensive delay that has been caused under this contract?

Do you know whether it was considered increasing or deleting the cap to make it open ended under either of the variation agreements in May 2005 or June 2006, given you would have been cognisant at that time there were significant delays in the implementation of this contract?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding milestones, Milestone Events and other issues regarding the limitation of liability is contained in documents, such as the contract, the Variation Agreement 1 and Amending Agreement 2.

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Finally, in answer to a question that was taken on notice at the last hearing, where it was asked why were widespread trials of the Tcard project announced before the State election when the Minister must have known the project was not meeting the milestones already announced, the answer to that question was:

The Public Transport Ticketing Corporation in August 2006 advised the Minister that Tcard trials involving commuters on selected bus services were to take place in October 2006 -

Which, of course, was prior to the election. However, problems with the Tcard system were subsequently discovered.

Can you please elucidate what problems were subsequently discovered and what action has been taken in the interim to rectify those problems?

Answer:

I am advised:

A number of issues emerged in mid-September, prior to the commencement of the Commuter Field Trials scheduled for October 2006. The PTTC decided that these defects were sufficiently serious to determine that the system was not ready for field trial. In the ensuing period additional defects have been found.

The PTTC continues to work with Integrated Ticketing Solutions Limited to monitor, analyse and repair defects as they emerge.

**John Watkins MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
Minister for Finance**

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Asked by: The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC

Question:

Mr Mason-Cox to the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Finance:

The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX: How many of the 1,400 new buses to be purchased under the Government's seven-year plan are for private company use and how many are for the State Transit Authority?

Mr GLASSON: I cannot tell you off the top of my head what the splits are, but they will not be too much over fifty-fifty. I will take the question on notice for the precise details.

The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX: Does it concern you that in the past three years there has been not one new bus on the road; in fact, the new buses have simply replaced the increasingly ageing fleet?

Answer:

I am advised:

43% of the replacement buses being acquired under the Metropolitan Bus System Contracts (MBSC) and the Outer Metropolitan Bus System Contracts (OMBSC) are allocated to the State Transit Authority. 57% are allocated to private bus operators. The new MBSC and OMBSC allow for additional buses to be purchased to meet patronage growth.

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Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

I note that ERG in its public statement noted that it received \$6 million from the State Government. Can you explain what that was for?

You envisage that was what the \$6 million was for?

Can you take that on notice please? It would be good if we had an answer on that.

Looking at the success of ERG in other places—as you are aware it has been successful in introducing a ticketing system in places like Singapore, Rome and San Francisco—why has it not had success here in Sydney? Are any particular issues there different?

Answer:

I am advised

Integrated Ticketing Solutions Limited informed the PTTC that the amount is largely for the interim school student travel scheme and has been rounded.

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Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

I understand that in October this year a new human resources manager was hired by the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation. I just wondered why that was done when indeed at that stage you would have known that the ERG contract was in doubt.

Answer:

I am advised:

The professional management of human resources issues is important to the PTTC in order to meet its statutory obligations in respect of OH&S, EEO and other human resource requirements.

I am advised this role became vacant in October 2007 and has been filled internally.

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Question:

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

In relation to employees, how many of your past or present employees have been hired from interstate or overseas?

How many of them are still employed by you and what was the tenure of those who are no longer employed by you?

Answer:

I am advised:

None.

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Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
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Question:

Ms Lee Rhiannon to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation (“PTTC”):

But I was talking about what will happen if the project fails. You have said that you were looking at scenarios. Do you have people working on scenarios that could be implemented if the current project falls over? Do you have people working on it for you?

Answer:

I am advised:

The PTTC undertakes assessment of risk as part of normal risk management and due diligence procedures.

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Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

Could you also clarify the milestones under the current Tcard contract? You mentioned that the first one was the public trial for bus and rail. Could you clarify what the subsequent milestones are?

Can you give me an understanding of what they are, rather than a detailed explanation? Do you think it is important that those milestones be in the public arena so that people understand what they are?

The Hon. J. A Gardiner (Chair) to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

And you will spell out what the milestones and milestone events are?

Will you give us specific information in answer to the question, which has now been asked of you three times?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding milestones, Milestone Events, payment triggers and commuter field trials are contained in documents, including the contract, the Variation Agreement 1 and Amending Agreement 2.

**John Watkins MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
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Notice Given: 10 December, 2007

Asked by: The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC

Question:

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (CHAIR) to Mr Vince Graham, CEO RailCorp.

CHAIR: Mr Graham, I refer to the media campaign that RailCorp has been running about encouraging people to carry water with them in the summer when catching trains. Can you advise the Committee the budget for that campaign?

Mr GRAHAM: I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

I am advised that information relating to the cost of advertising and marketing campaigns can be found in the Railcorp annual report.

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Question:

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

In relation to each of those variation agreements - May 2005 and June 2006 - you said in your opening statement words to the effect that commercial arrangements were entered into which protected the Government, which looked after the Government's position in relation to contracts, in regard to allowing those variations and extension of time that is inherent in those variations. Would you provide the Committee with details of what protections were put in place for the Government in that regard?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding milestones, Milestone Events and other issues regarding the limitation of liability is contained in documents, such as the contract, the Variation Agreement 1 and Amending Agreement 2.

**John Watkins MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
Minister for Finance**

Notice Given: 10 December 2007

Asked By: The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC

Question:

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC to Mr Peter Rowley, CEO, State Transit Authority:

The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX: When did the State Transit Authority sign up for the Tcard project?

Mr ROWLEY: I cannot give you a date. We have signed a memorandum of understanding. We will have to get back to you with the specific date.

Answer:

I am advised:

Agencies have entered into Memorandums of Understanding in relation to their participation in an integrated ticketing scheme.

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Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
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Notice Given: 10 December, 2007

Asked by: Ms Lee Rhiannon

Question:

Ms Lee Rhiannon to Mr Jim Glasson, Director General, Ministry of Transport:

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Also, Mr Glasson, on 23 April Dr Gary Glazebrook wrote to the Premier about green power for CityRail, and I understand Mr Watkins subsequently responded to that. Are you aware of that letter and could you outline what the Government's response is with regard to expanding the green power component of the current power requirements for CityRail?

Mr GLASSON: I am not specifically aware of that letter. That does not mean I have not seen it. There is so much volume of correspondence I just do not recall, sometimes, individual letters, but I will check my records to see whether I have seen that and I will give you a response.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: So you can take that on notice?

Mr GLASSON: Yes.

Answer:

I am advised:

Mr Glazebrook's proposals regarding green power for CityRail have been referred to the RailCorp Environmental Division for investigation.

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Minister for Transport
Minister for Finance**

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Asked by: The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC

Question:

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (CHAIR) to Mr Jim Glasson, Director General, Ministry of Transport:

CHAIR: Mr Glasson, in relation to the Ministry and certain positions on the staff of the Ministry, I understand that you are advertising for a new manager of communications as well as a new manager for marketing and stakeholder relations, the salary for each of which is \$116,000 and \$117,000, and also that you are recruiting a new marketing officer on a salary of nearly \$100,000, and that the State Transit Authority [STA] is advertising for a temporary manager, media and corporate affairs, for \$130,000. That is \$461,000-odd on spin doctors. Given the trouble that the State transport services are in, do you not believe that that money could be used more appropriately?

Mr GLASSON: Certainly from the Ministry's perspective, these are not spin doctor jobs.

CHAIR: What do you call them?

Mr GLASSON: The positions that you referred to are predominantly focused at managing public consultation around improved bus services and working on developing new strategies to promote public transport, to increase the overall use of public transport in line with the State Plan targets. These are not jobs to provide advice on media.

CHAIR: It sounds like it is to me—media and corporate affairs manager is the job title for one of them.

Mr GLASSON: I would need to look at that particular position. I mean, I do have a media liaison person who provides advice to me on media, but they also do a range of other things.

CHAIR: Okay. Would it be convenient to just provide us with a summary of the job descriptions of those particular positions?

Mr GLASSON: I am happy to provide those.

CHAIR: They would be appreciated.

Answer:

I am advised:

The State Transit Media and Corporate Affairs Manager carries out a range of duties with the fundamental aim of communicating State Transit's services to the public. This is in line with the operational requirements of State Transit's business and Government's directives to build the profile of bus services and encourage the use of public transport.

There is only one media position at the Ministry of Transport, that being the Manager, Communications. The other positions have been put together in response to the Auditor General's recommendation that the Ministry establish a more coordinated approach to transport information. Subsequent reports such as the Walker Report reinforce this need.

The Ministry of Transport's Manager, Communications is responsible for developing, implementing and managing effective communication and stakeholder relationship strategies for the Ministry of Transport. In particular the position is responsible for:

- managing daily media issues including being the spokesperson for the Ministry Of Transport and preparation of media statements; and ensuring appropriate liaison with the Director General, the Minister's Office and key portfolio contacts as required;
- attending stakeholder and public forums with representatives from all levels of the transport portfolio, including the Minister for Transport, and provide speech notes, advice and responses to questions as required; and
- maintaining relationships with media representatives of key stakeholders (government and industry); including coordination with other transport agencies during emergencies.

John Watkins MP
Deputy Premier
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Asked By: The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC

Question:

CHAIR: With respect to the Tcard project, when did Sydney Ferries sign up to the Tcard project?

Mr SMITH: I would have to take that on notice for the exact date, but it is my understanding that it certainly predated my time here. It was in the beginning of last year—that is my understanding—but I will confirm that.

Answer:

I am advised:

Agencies have entered into Memorandums of Understanding in relation to their participation in an integrated ticketing scheme.

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Deputy Premier
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Asked by: Ms Lee Rhiannon

Question:

Ms Lee Rhiannon to Mr Vince Graham, CEO, RailCorp:

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Mr Graham, do you know the current power requirement for CityRail for its electric traction requirements?

Mr GRAHAM: In terms of total dollar spend it is approximately \$40 million per annum. That is traction power supply.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Would you have the details in terms of gigawatt hours per annum?

Mr GRAHAM: No, I do not have that.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Would you take that on notice, please?

Mr GRAHAM: I am very happy to take that one on notice.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Is any of this energy source from green power? If so, how much?

Mr GRAHAM: Our current contract does have built into it a green power component. But in terms of the total percentage, I would be more than happy to get that information for you.

Answer:

I am advised:

RailCorp procures approximately 509,000 MWh of electricity annually to traction CityRail trains under a bulk supply contract.

In addition to this, RailCorp procures approximately 39,700 MWh of electricity annually under a non-bulk contract, of which approximately 10% is green power.

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Question:

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox to the CEO of the Public Transport Ticketing Corporation ("PTTC"):

Let me look at the variation agreement No. 1 and agreement No. 2. In the first one, can you please explain why there was a need for a variation in May 2005?

So the Government had nothing to do with the delay at that time, or there was no need for a delay because of government action or departmental action?

Answer:

I refer the Honourable Member to my statement in the Legislative Assembly on 5 December 2007.

**John Watkins MP
Deputy Premier
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Minister for Finance**

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Asked by: Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC

Question:

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Mr Smith, how many casuals currently are employed by Sydney Ferries

Mr SMITH: I would have to take that on notice, the exact number. I think we are in the order of about 60, but I will have to confirm that.

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Ferries reports on staffing as required in its Annual Report.

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Asked by: The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC

Question:

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC to Mr Peter Rowley, CEO, State Transit Authority:

The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX: I am talking about the net increase. Some new buses have come on line, but at the same time there have been significant retirements of ageing stock. According to information we have there has been no net increase in the number of buses on the State Transit Authority network.

Mr ROWLEY: I need to take that question on notice. However, I think I can assure you that there has been an increase in vehicles in the State Transit Authority network over the past few years.

The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX: Can you verify that for each of the past three years?

Mr ROWLEY: Certainly.

Answer:

I am advised:

State Transit reports on bus fleet numbers as required in its annual report.

However, over the past four financial years, there has been a net increase in State Transit's fleet of 74 buses. Importantly, there has also been a net increase in articulated buses over the same period which effectively means that the capacity of the fleet has grown by approximately 50% more than the published figures indicate. This is because articulated buses carry approximately 50% more people than a conventional bus.

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Question:

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC to Mr Jim Glasson, Director General, Ministry of Transport:

The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX: Recently there was a tremendous 19-page brochure in the Sydney Morning Herald giving a detailed history of buses. There is a lovely picture of the Minister on the front smiling and a message from him. How much did the State Transit Authority and the ministry spend on this lift-out?

Mr GLASSON: I am not sure that we spent any money on that, but I will take that question on notice.

Answer:

I am advised:

There was no contribution from the Ministry of Transport towards this expenditure.

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Asked by: The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC

Question:

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (CHAIR) to Mr Vince Graham, CEO RailCorp.

CHAIR: With respect to RailCorp's advertising budget, can you tell us what the latest estimate is for the 2006-07 advertising expenditure for RailCorp?

Mr GRAHAM: No, but I am happy to take that question on notice and give you an accurate reply.

CHAIR: And if you could provide the figure for advertising in 2005-06 and 2004-05 as well?

Mr GRAHAM: So, three years?

CHAIR: Yes, thank you.

Answer:

I am advised:

The majority of RailCorp's advertising expenditure relates to community safety advertising and the provision of important information to the public in relation to track work and changes to travel arrangements.

RailCorp's advertising expenditure for 2004/05 was around \$2.5 million.

RailCorp's advertising expenditure for 2005/06 was around \$3.2 million.

RailCorp's advertising expenditure for 2006/07 was around \$2.3 million.

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Asked by: Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC

Question:

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Mr Glasson, I want to ask about buses for World Youth Day. How many buses do you anticipate will be needed for World Youth Day and where are you anticipating sourcing them from?

Mr GLASSON: Can I answer that in two parts? One is I do not have the overall accountability for World Youth Day but the buses will be sourced through contracts the Ministry of Transport holds with bus operators. At this point in time the precise numbers are not known. That is still a work in progress based around information that is still coming to us through the World Youth Day Authority and the Catholic Church. It is quite a complex task because it involves where people are being billeted, where the accommodation is, where they are going on a daily basis for religious instruction and then their travel to and from some of the major events in and around the central business district. So, I just simply cannot give you a precise answer. If you would like me in response to give you an order of magnitude number on notice, I am happy to do that, but the precise numbers will not be known for some time.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: That would be useful, the order of magnitude, and if you could answer it now or alternatively take it on notice where those buses would be coming from? I understand you can source them from Newcastle, the Illawarra, Western Sydney and from private bus operators as well, and just what that division could be?

Mr GLASSON: It is more likely the buses will be sourced in the first instance from the most appropriate depots that will reduce the overall cost. So, for the central business district event tasks I would see the majority of buses being sourced out of the State Transit fleet. For the task across a broader part of Western Sydney, particularly the west and south-west, where I understand large numbers of participants will be billeted, we will be using the resources of private bus operators in those areas. The event is scheduled during school holidays, which means that a proportion of the of the bus fleets are available, given that both the normal commuter task is suppressed in those periods and the school task is not happening.

Answer:

I am advised:

(1-2) The Ministry of Transport is still receiving information on the number of pilgrims,

accommodation, billets and sites for religious instruction and therefore is unable to give an exact number of buses needed at this stage. Registered pilgrims will receive a public transport pass as part of their registration which will give them access to metropolitan rail and bus services. Where necessary, additional special event bus services will be established.

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Asked by: Ms Lee Rhiannon

Question:

Ms Lee Rhiannon to Mr Vince Graham, CEO RailCorp:

Ms LEE RHIANNON: If you wanted to expand that amount of green power, do you have the flexibility in the current contract to do so?

Mr GRAHAM: I do not believe there is a provision in the current contract to do that. But I am sure as a negotiation with the supplier that all things are possible and that certainly would be a consideration when we start the process for renewal of the existing contract.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: If I understand correctly what you are saying, if it were expanded you would be seeing that in the next contract, not in the current contract?

Mr GRAHAM: Yes, if it were. Clearly, there are balancing issues here between the obvious benefits of more renewable power source coming into the total supply. By the same token, that then is paid for through either the taxpayers or via consumers who pay it through the fare box to ride the trains. So there is a balancing issue there, obviously.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: To check again, are you saying you would not be able to expand it under the current contract?

Mr GRAHAM: No, I think your question was: Is there provision under the current contract to do that. I said I did not think—and again I can take it on notice—there was a provision under the current contract. But again, the fact that there is not would not necessarily prevent a negotiated outcome outside the existing contract.

Answer:

I am advised:

RailCorp is due to re-negotiate its main electricity contract before mid-2009.

While no clause exists in RailCorp's current electricity contracts to expand the amount of green power, this does not prevent a negotiated outcome outside the existing contracts.

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Question:

Ms Lee Rhiannon to Mr Peter Rowley, CEO, State Transit Authority:

Ms LEE RHIANNON: I am sorry, I did not understand that. Were you saying that there were replacement buses put into Newcastle and other ones were brought to Sydney?

Mr ROWLEY: My understanding is, yes. For argument's sake—

Ms LEE RHIANNON: There has not been a net loss of buses?

Mr ROWLEY: No. Volvo—there are actually 10 Volvo Euro5 buses that have just gone into Newcastle, for argument's sake, over the last two months.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Right.

Mr ROWLEY: So I would have to take that on notice, the exact numbers, but I will get you the figures on how many buses, from 2005 right to the present.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: I am interested in the total numbers, if there has been an increase, and if the buses that came to Sydney were replaced.

Mr ROWLEY: Okay.

Ms LEE RHIANNON: Not replaced, but if there now has been an increase in buses, so there has not been a net loss.

Mr ROWLEY: I will need to take that notice.

Answer:

I am advised:

State Transit reports on bus fleet numbers as required in its annual report.

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Asked by: The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC

Question:

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (CHAIR) to Mr Vince Graham, CEO RailCorp.

CHAIR: First of all can you advise, with respect to the ICAC inquiries over a period, how many of the 41 recommendations made by ICAC since December of 2006 to combat corruption in the so-called high-risk areas within RailCorp have actually been adopted?

Mr GRAHAM: I think you are referring to two specific inquiries. One contained 14 recommendations and the other 27. Of that total of 41 recommendations, there have been 12 that have been completely implemented and we expect to implement the remainder by the second quarter of the next calendar year.

CHAIR: Are you able to advise us specifically which ones have been implemented?

Mr GRAHAM: I have not come prepared to deal with 41 individual recommendations, madam Chair, but I am more than happy to provide the detail of the split up, of the 41 recommendations the 12 that have been and the remainder that are continuing.

Answer:

I am advised:

Of the 41 recommendations, 13 have been completed.

For Operation Quilla the following recommendations are considered completed; 15, 16, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 30.

For Operation Persis the following recommendations are considered completed; 2, 14, 15, 21, 24 and 26.

RailCorp expect to implement the remainder by the second quarter of the next calendar year.

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