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Proposal Title: **SAFER PUBLIC TRANSPORT - GETTING HOME SAFE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT**

Cluster: Transport for NSW

## General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	142	1,743	1,786	1,831	5,501
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets	31	387	396	406	1,220
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Result:</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(1,356)</b>	<b>(1,390)</b>	<b>(1,425)</b>	<b>(4,281)</b>

Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(1,356)</b>	<b>(1,390)</b>	<b>(1,425)</b>	<b>(4,281)</b>
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<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>4,281</b>
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## Total State Sector Impacts

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## Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to re-instate guardian train services in selected locations on Friday and Saturday nights, and operate a train services from Kings Cross to Central station running both ways every 15 minutes on Friday and Saturday nights between 1:00 am and 5:15 am.

The policy assumes funding would be sourced from cancelling late night bus services between Kings Cross and the City and abolishing Operation Rolling Shield (the policy that replaced guardian train services).

Transport for NSW has advised the cost of running the bus services was \$368,000 in 2013-14, and the estimated cost of running the train service is \$1.7 million per year. We have escalated these costs by 2.5 per cent per year to calculate the net cost of replacing the bus services with a train service. The net cost is \$4.3 million over the forward estimates.

The policy proposes commencing the train service in June 2015, hence we have included only one month of costs for 2014-15 for this part of the policy.

NSW Police has advised staffing for the guardian train services can be comfortably met by re-deploying officers from the cancellation of Operation Rolling Shield.

NSW Police has further advised there would be no material saving from cancelling Operation Rolling Shield because remaining Officers not deployed on guardian trains would simply be re-deployed to other duties associated with policing the transport network over Friday and Saturday nights.

## **Costing assumptions continued:**

### **Background**

Transport for NSW advised there are two bus routes which service the Kings Cross precinct which could be cancelled. The N100 (night ride bus) operates from Bondi Junction to Railway Square and the Plan B bus which is a one way service from Kings Cross to Town Hall and Central. The saving from cancelling these two services is estimated at \$368,000 per year in 2013-14 dollars.

The \$1.7 million estimate for running the train service between Kings Cross and Central includes the costs of train crew, train operating costs, signalling and cleaning costs. An allowance has also been made for additional station staff and security at CBD and Eastern Suburbs stations.

### **Information on guardian trains and Operation Rolling Shield**

The previous guardian train service provided four transit officers per train on Friday and Saturday nights on 12 selected train services each night, or a total of 48 officers per night. The on-board guardian services were staffed by Transit Officers employed by the (then) RailCorp and deployed on both suburban and Intercity services. The Transit Officers had the ongoing responsibility for security and revenue protection activities across the network.

Operation Rolling Shield replaced the guardian train policy in July 2014. It is administered by NSW Police. On average, 175 officers are deployed on Operation Rolling Shield over the Friday and Saturday night period. These officers perform normal 12 hour shifts, with staggered start and finishing times, and generally do not incur overtime or other additional costs of any material nature.

Based on this information, and assuming 6 hour shifts on the trains under the guardian train policy, guardian trains would consume approximately 14 per cent of the resources currently deployed under Operation Rolling Shield.