



Parliamentary Budget Office - Policy Costing

Referred By: Australian Labor Party
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Proposal No: C073
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Proposal Title: Better public transport

Lead Agency: Transport NSW

General Government Sector Impacts

Table with 5 columns: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 4 Year Total. Rows include Expenses (ex. depreciation), Depreciation, Less: Agency Offsets, Agency Revenue, and Net Operating Balance.

Table with 6 columns: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, Other Years, Total Cost. Rows include Capital Expenditure, Capital Offsets, and Net Capital Expenditure.

Table with 4 columns: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14. Row: Net Worth.

Table with 4 columns: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14. Row: Net Financial Liabilities.

Total State Sector Impacts

Table with 4 columns: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14. Row: Net Financial Liabilities.

Costing assumptions used:

Free Wi-Fi on public transport - Treasury NSW advised that the annual cost for all Sydney Ferries is \$73,000, while for red Metrobuses the annual cost is \$13,500 for each of the Metrobuses. (If extended to the entire 3600 buses in the STA fleet, then the annual expense would approach \$50 million per year.)
Incentive payments for wheelchair accessible taxis - Treasury NSW advised that the annual cost for this program is \$3.6 million in 2010-11 and is assumed to escalate by 2.5% per year. Treasury further advised that other items from the More Taxis on the Road proposal would have no impact on the budget.
Implementation of the recommendations of the CountryLinkUp Review - the PBO has insufficient information to cost this proposal. Transport NSW has advised that investigations are currently underway to determine the feasibility and cost of implementing the recommendations.
All other proposals listed in the policy document were: already in the Metropolitan Transport Plan (and therefore existing, budgeted policies), included in other PBO costings (e.g. Fairness for Families cap fare increases to CPI), or were already accounted for in the 2010-11 Budget or Half-yearly Review.

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