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(COMBINED)**

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Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)

Drought Relief

1. How many water tanker trucks are registered in NSW?
2. How many water rail water carriages does Transport for NSW have access to?
 - (a) What is the lead time for their deployment?
3. Has Transport for NSW entered into a binding contract with Southern Shorthaul Railroad for the provision of water cartage?
4. Does Transport for NSW have a memorandum of understanding, or other agreement, with Southern Shorthaul Railroad for the provision of water cartage services?
5. Does Transport for NSW have a contract or binding agreement with any other company for the provision of water cartage by rail?
 - (a) If so, which companies?
6. Not including construction and maintenance works, does Transport for NSW pay a retainer for water cartage services by either road or rail?
 - (a) If so, which companies?
 - (b) What is the value of the retainers?
 - (c) What is the water carriage capacity, by mode?
 - (d) Are extracts of such contracts publically available?
7. Beyond the 'Goulburn Water Supply – Water Cartage Contingency Plan', in the Transport Services Functional Area Supporting Plan, what other plans have been drafted?
8. Since the Government released the Review of Road Safety in relation to the Newcastle Light Rail project, what action has been taken by the Government to protect cyclists?

Property Acquisition

9. What is the current acquisition status of the former Balmain Leagues Club?

Westconnex

10. What are the delivery milestones to comply with Condition B34 of the Westconnex conditions of approval to provide “at least two lanes of Parramatta Road, from Burwood to Haberfield, are to be solely dedicated for the use of public transport unless an alternative dedicated public transport route that provides an improved public transport outcome for the area, when compared to two dedicated public transport lanes on Parramatta Road, is approved.”?

Sydney Trains

11. Did Sydney Trains and NSW Trains enter into any form of Agreement or understanding that Sydney Trains would continue to provide cleaning services for the New Intercity Fleet (NIF)?
12. Have Sydney Trains (being the current provider) been advised of the decision to privatise the cleaning services for the New Interurban Fleet?

Buses in Coogee

13. In the 2019 election, the Government and the Liberal Candidate for Coogee committed to returning the 378 Bus, a commitment confirmed in the Question and Answer Paper on the 30th of May, 2019 – question 0355
 - (a) Will the government follow through with these promises and return the 378 bus service?
 - (b) Will the government return this service ‘within the next 12 months’ as mentioned in the response to Question 0355 in the Question and Answer paper?
14. With the pending opening of the light rail, can the government confirm the future of the following services:
 - (a) Will the government confirm the X73 bus will continue after the light rail opens?
 - (b) Will the government confirm the X74 bus will continue after the light rail opens?
 - (c) Will the government confirm the M50 bus will continue after the light rail opens?
 - (d) When will the government announce the updated bus timetable once the light rail is running?
 - (e) How much time will the government allow for proper community consultation about proposed alterations to bus services before making the final decisions?
15. Once the light rail has opened, will the course of the express buses to the city be altered?
 - (a) Will the express buses travel along a separated bus lane, as they did before construction of the light rail began?

- (b) Does the separated bus lane run along the light rail track alongside Allison Road, Randwick?
- (c) Does the shared separated bus lane run along the light rail track along Anzac Parade, and Alison Road, Randwick?
- (d) What contingency plans have been put in place for the bus routes if a light rail vehicle breaks down along the shared light rail/bus lane?
- (e) What contingency plans have been put in place for the light rail if a bus breaks down along the shared light rail/bus lane?

Light Rail

16. In the previous Budget Estimates hearing, Mr Rod Staples, Secretary of Transport for NSW, confirmed that further testing of the light rail trip times would be done in October, 2019, to produce trip times from Randwick to Circular Quay.
- (a) Was this testing done?
 - (b) What will the average trip time be from Randwick to Circular Quay?
 - (c) What will be the average morning peak hour trip time be from Randwick to Circular Quay?
 - (d) What will the average afternoon peak hour trip time be from Circular Quay to Randwick?
 - (e) Will the trip time be less than the estimated 38 – 40 minutes suggested by Mr Staples in the August estimates?

Albion Park Rail Bypass

17. On 28 August 2018, it was revealed by Roads and Maritime Services' Senior Project Manager, Mr Adrian Rouse, that the Yallah Interchange would not be constructed as part of the Albion Park Rail bypass:
- (a) Why was this decision made?
 - (b) Is the Government content to have excluded the entire population of Dapto from accessing this project?
18. When it was revealed the Yallah Interchange would not be included in this project it was announced the timing of its construction would instead be “subject to funding and traffic demand”. As such I ask,
- (a) How much is the construction of the Yallah Interchange estimated to cost, and what level of funding would be necessary to allow for its construction?

- i. How long would construction of the Yallah Interchange be estimated to take?
 - ii. Have all necessary plans of the Yallah Interchange project already been drawn up, to ensure that once funding is available and traffic demand is reached the construction of the interchange is as efficient as possible?
- (b) What would the total population of West Dapto and its associated road users need to reach to prompt the construction of the Yallah Interchange?
- i. How will traffic demand be monitored on these roads to ensure the NSW Government is aware once this level is reached?
 - ii. How often will traffic demand be monitored (monthly, annually, bi-annually, etc.)?

M1 On and off ramps in Dapto

19. When will RMS complete the ‘preliminary investigations’ stage of determining whether on-and-off ramps and interchanges are needed on the M1 Motorway around the Dapto area (RMS project titled: Improvements between Figtree & Dapto), given it has been in this stage for over four years?
- (a) What is the scope for these investigations?
 - (b) When will the RMS report of these investigations be made public?
 - (c) Are there any plans for the construction of on-off ramps on the M1 Motorway in the Dapto area?
20. What are the estimated costs associated with the construction of on-off ramps along a highway in NSW?

Transport in Shellharbour

21. Does the Government currently have plans to increase the capacity of the commuter carpark at Dapto Station?
22. What plans does the Government currently have to ensure public transport is made easily accessible through the West Dapto area?
23. As per the Government’s Election Commitments 2015-19, what program has been developed to reduce travel time between Sydney and the Illawarra?
24. How many train stations in New South Wales still require commuters to traverse a level crossing between platforms?

25. What is the estimated cost difference between the initial released design for Dapto train station's upgrade under the TAP 3 program (that included lifts and pedestrian footbridge/walkway for commuters) and the now current planned upgrade of existing pedestrian level crossing?
26. Has the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan been finalised?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, when will it be made publicly available?
27. At what stage of development or adoption is the West Dapto Bus Network Strategy currently?
 - (a) For what reason, has Transport for NSW not provided Wollongong City Council with the West Dapto Bus Network Strategy (despite the Strategy first being prepared in 2014 and Wollongong City Council making multiple requests for the document)?
 - (b) When will Transport for NSW provide Wollongong City Council with the West Dapto Bus Network Strategy?
 - (c) Will the NSW Government commit to cooperating with Wollongong City Council moving forwards to deliver the public transport network the people of Dapto deserve?