

**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT – SUPPLEMENTARY
QUESTIONS – 4 MARCH 2022**

SQ001

Does the Department have a long term plan for how it will procure all 8000 electric buses it has promised to deliver by 2030?

ANSWER: As this information is Cabinet in Confidence, it would be inappropriate to comment.

SQ002

Does the Department have a plan to spread procurement efforts across NSW to increase overall manufacturing capacity?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ003

Given the need to procure 8000 electric buses by 2030, is the Department concerned that Nexport's proposed \$700 million manufacturing facility at Bowral has been shelved?

ANSWER

I am advised:

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ004

Nexport said in a statement that they not been able to secure any certainty from the state government about the project. Are you concerned by Nexport's public position?

ANSWER

I am advised:

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ005

What measures does the Government have in place to secure certainty and increase long term capacity from bus manufacturers across the state?

ANSWER

I am advised:

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ006

Does the Department have a plan to deliver long term infrastructure plans for depots and charging infrastructure for the bus operators?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ007

Does the Department have a plan to assist operators who will need to upgrade their existing depots?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ008

Has the Department made a decision as to whether electric buses and associated infrastructure will be leased to private operators or whether they will have to procure them themselves?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ009

How many of the 79 Electric Buses procured by Custom Denning will be going to Region 6?

ANSWER: I refer you to the media release issued on 14 February 2022.

SQ010

Has the Department taken any steps to procure any domestically made electric buses for any other regions?

ANSWER: I am advised, yes.

SQ011

Does the Department plan on providing any requirements for local content in its bus procurement contracts?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ012

Does the Department have plans to require a specific percentage of local content in its bus contract?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 001.

SQ013

What is the Government doing to support vocational standards, qualifications and education for workers manufacturing and repairing electric buses and other EV's?

ANSWER

I am advised:

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW has commenced detailed engagement with suppliers, operators, industry bodies and training organisations to understand what skills gaps exist and to build awareness of existing and proposed training modules developed by TAFE NSW to support the Zero Emission Buses and EV industry. Transport for NSW is also working with Training Services NSW to identify opportunities for training organisations that can expand the training support needed during the transition to Zero Emission Buses.

SQ014

Further to the announcement from former Minister Rob Stokes in December 2020 that the Freshwater class ferry Narrabeen will be re-engineered and made available for service, what is the current status of this project?

ANSWER: I am advised that the MV Narrabeen engine rebuild has been delayed due to supply chain disruption associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and associated Public Health Orders. Transport for NSW is working with the operator of Sydney Ferries to review the project, given these delays, and ensure the ongoing availability of Freshwater Class vessels.

SQ015

What is the estimated cost of this project?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW has approved a budget of up to \$2 million for this project.

SQ016

When will the project be completed?

ANSWER: I am advised that the project timeframe is currently being reviewed.

SQ017

When will the Narrabeen be available to return to revenue service carrying passengers?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 016.

SQ018

Did the Fairlight's starboard engine fail when it was conducting safety drills and a Master's assessment on 22/12/2021?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW has been advised by the operator, Transdev Sydney Ferries, that on 22 December 2022, as part of planned drills, while not in service and with no passengers on board, the engines shutdown on the MV Fairlight. The issue with the engine was diagnosed and has since been resolved.

SQ019

Was VTS notified?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW is not aware of Transdev notifying Vessel Traffic Services.

SQ020

Would you be concerned if a manager informed the Training Master not to inform VTS?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW is not aware of any such instruction.

SQ021

Are you aware that it is a legal requirement to inform VTS if such an incident occurs?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW is aware of reporting responsibilities to safety authorities.

SQ022

Was an AMSA Form 19 sent to Transdev regarding this incident given that is also a legal requirement?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW is advised that Transdev, and its Masters, have access to the necessary Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) safety reporting forms.

SQ023

What is the status of the ten new 24m River class vessels and the remedial work that has been performed?

ANSWER: I am advised that all 10 vessels are in service for daytime operation. Wheelhouse modifications are being made to enable operation of the fleet at night. It is expected all 10 new River Class ferries will be able to operate without restriction by mid-2022.

SQ024

Are all ten ferries in operation?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 023.

SQ025

Can all ten ferries operate with passengers at night?

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 23.

SQ026

What is the estimated date that all ten ferries can operate with passengers during both the day and night, without restriction?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 023.

SQ027

Does the NSW Government bear the cost of the remedial work for the 24m River Class ferries with regards to the wheelhouses?

ANSWER: I am advised, no.

SQ028

If so, what is the cost of that work?

ANSWER: I am advised, N/A.

SQ029

Why is the NSW Government calling for a 15 year contract on the Manly route to perform the work currently done by My Fast Ferry with patronage levels on the Manly route being significantly disturbed by COVID-19?

ANSWER: I am advised that the contract with Manly Fast Ferries, trading as My Fast Ferry, expires this year and the current market process is to seek tenders for the continuation of this service.

SQ030

Does the NSW Government intend on having both Transdev Sydney Ferries and the operator of the new Manly contract operating side by side moving forward?

ANSWER: I am advised that the current tender seeks viable proposals to continue operation of the service.

SQ031

The contract for the wire-drawn ferries that operate at Sackville ferry, Webb's Creek ferry, Wisemans ferry, Mortlake ferry and Berowra ferry nominally expired on 8 November 2020 and has been subject to extensions, can the actual expiry date of the current

ANSWER: I am advised that the current contract will expire on 8 July 2022.

SQ032

When will the new wire-drawn ferry contract for the Sydney ferries go for tender?

ANSWER: I am advised that the tender for the Vehicular Ferry Operation Services – Sydney Region was released to the market on 21 February 2022 and will close on 28 March 2022.

SQ033

It is understood the Berowra Ferry was built in 1961, Webb's Creek Ferry in 1959, and Mortlake Ferry in 1960. What plans are in place for vessel renewal for these ferries?

ANSWER: I am advised that two ferries were replaced in the last decade. All maintenance of these ferries, including major Out-of-Water regulatory surveys and renewals are undertaken in accordance with the asset management plans developed in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy TPP 19-07.

SQ034

Is Transport for NSW aware of any industrial relations matter regarding the payment of wages on wire-drawn ferries that operate at Sackville ferry, Webb's Creek ferry, Wisemans ferry, Mortlake ferry and Berowra ferry?

ANSWER: I am advised, no.

SQ035

How many service cancellations have occurred on the Ferry network over the last 12 months?

ANSWER: I am advised that from February 2021 to January 2022, there were 1,740 service cancellations. Cancellations were primarily due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated Public Health Orders impacting crew availability as well as fog events.

SQ036

How many due to staff shortages?

ANSWER: I am advised that from February 2021 to January 2022, there were 1,214 cancellations due to staff shortages, the majority of which related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated Public Health Orders impacting crew availability.

SQ037

How many due to the swell height on the harbour?

ANSWER: I am advised that from February 2021 to January 2022, there were 10 cancellations due to swell height.

SQ038

How many due to other weather conditions?

ANSWER: I am advised that from February 2021 to January 2022, there were 194 service cancellations due to other weather events including fog and weir flooding.

SQ039

What further consultation is planned around the proposed taxi license reforms now that face-to-face consultation is possible again?

ANSWER: I am advised that the NSW Government will finalise the design of the financial assistance scheme and the transition arrangements for industry in close consultation with key industry stakeholders.

SQ040

What process or formula is the Department using to determine the levels of compensation being considered?

ANSWER: As this information is Cabinet in Confidence, it would be inappropriate to comment.

SQ041

Has the Department conducted research into the financial impact of the proposed reforms for current taxi license holders?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ042

What will the impact be?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ043

What is the average loss that a current taxi license holder is likely to take under the current proposals?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ044

Does the Department have a view as to the timing for these reforms?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ045

Have there been any decisions taken by the government about new incentives for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ046

What are they?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ047

What is the total cost of the new incentives?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ048

Will they apply to existing WATs, or only new WATs?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ049

Are the incentives indefinite or one-offs?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ050

The Government's own review said that WATs will no longer be financially viable unless new subsidies are offered. These reforms are imminent, aren't they?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 040.

SQ051

Is the Minister for Transport aware that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will have key cultural icons of the state including Parramatta Park, parts of Callan Park, The Rocks, Luna park, White Bay, and Barangaroo transferred to Transpo

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ052

Is the Minister able to advise as to what is the impact to staff currently assigned to these areas?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ053

Can the Minister advise as to what is the cost in simple terms such as IT in transferring to Transport?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ054

Can the Minister explain as to the benefit to the state and the people who undertake these roles in transferring to Transport?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ055

Will there be a loss of roles and functions?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ056

Will these icons suffer in the transfer?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ057

Does the Department know how many e-scooters are currently being used in NSW?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ058

Large retailers including Harvey Norman sell them, and many models are advertised as capable of doing speeds well in excess of 30 kph. What speed does the Minister think is appropriate for e-scooters?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ059

Has the Department undertaken any testing at Crash Lab or gathered data on safety, speed and the appropriateness of different e-scooter models?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ060

Would the Department be prepared to do so?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ061

How will speeds be regulated for private devices?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ062

Is there a plan to manage age-limits for the use of e-scooters?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ063

Will insurance be required?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ064

If yes, how will this be enforced?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ065

Does Department wish to understand whether e-scooter use enables more people to reduce car trips? (reducing congestion on roads, public transport, and carbon impacts)

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ066

How will this be measured during a trial of private devices?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

SQ067

Are accessibility improvements required at Macquarie Fields Station for the Government to meet its compliance targets set out by the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002 made under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992?

ANSWER: I am advised that making public transport more accessible continues to be a priority of the NSW Government. More than \$2 billion has been committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated transport infrastructure, in keeping with the Government's commitment to the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

These upgrades are delivered through Transport for NSW's Transport Access and other infrastructure programs. Improving accessibility at Macquarie Fields Station is being considered as part of this assessment process for future upgrades.

SQ068

What accessibility improvements, such as lifts, are required at Macquarie Fields Station for the Government to meet its obligations under the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 067.

SQ069

Will the Government fail to meet the 100 per cent compliance deadline set out by the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002 if accessibility improvements are not made at Macquarie Fields Station by December 2022?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 067.

SQ070

Of the more than \$2 billion committed to the Transport Access Program since 2011, how much money has been spent at Macquarie Fields Station?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 067.

SQ071

Have investigations been carried out to determine the accessibility improvements required at Macquarie Fields Station?
If so, what was the outcome of the investigations?
Have costings been prepared for required works?
i. If so, what is the cost of require

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 067.

SQ072

Will money be allocated to accessibility improvements at Macquarie Fields Station in the 2022-23 Budget?
(a) If so, how much and what works will be funded?
(b) If not, why not?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 067.

SQ073

What investigations did Transport for NSW carry out in relation to the need for a school bus service to service Denham Court Public School before the school opened in 2021?
(a) What was the outcome of those investigations?

ANSWER: I am advised that in March 2021, Transport for NSW were notified of the school opening by Department of Education. Transport for NSW worked with stakeholders including the Department of Education and a local bus operator, Interline Bus Services to provide school services for Denham Court Public School ahead of school opening in Term 4 of 2021. A new route, 861, between Denham Court and Carnes Hill via Austral was introduced with selected trips diverted via the school to meet the planned travel demand.

SQ074

What investigations has Transport for NSW carried out in relation to the need for a school bus service to service Denham Court Public School since the school opened in 2021?
(a) What was the outcome of those investigations?

ANSWER: I am advised that in late 2021, Transport for NSW were made aware of changes to the school catchment. Investigations into transport options for students residing in the Edmondson Park area have established that there are no suitable public transport options to travel to and from the school. Transport for NSW is exploring options to provide a bus service for students in the Edmondson Park area to travel to and from Denham Court Public School.

SQ075

Has the school, Interline Bus Services, Department of Education or School Infrastructure NSW requested a school bus service from Edmondson Park to Denham Court Public School?

- (a) If so, when were the requests made?
- (b) What was the response from Transport

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW received feedback regarding the request for school bus services from Edmondson Park to Denham Court Public School from stakeholders including the school, parents of school children and the local Member of Parliament.

- (a) Transport for NSW were notified of the school opening by Department of Education in March 2021 and were made aware of the school catchment changes after the school opened in late 2021.
- (b) Stakeholders have been advised that Transport for NSW is exploring options to provide a bus service for students in the Edmondson Park area to travel to and from Denham Court Public School.

SQ076

Given the catchment area of Denham Court Public School extends to Edmondson Park, what is the reason behind not providing a school bus service from Edmondson Park to the school?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 073.

SQ077

Are there plans to introduce a school bus service from Edmondson Park to the school?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when will the service be operational?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 067.

SQ078

As of 4 March 2022, how many applications have been submitted for the current Swansea Channel dredging tender?

ANSWER: I am advised that there is no current Swansea Channel dredging tender.

SQ079

As of 4 March 2022, how many applications have been made from Hunter and Central Coast based dredging companies for the current Swansea Channel dredging tender?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 078.

SQ080

As of 4 March 2022, how many applications have been made from dredging companies not based in the Hunter or Central Coast for the current Swansea Channel dredging tender?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 078.

SQ081

In July 2021, the Honourable Taylor Martin MLC – Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, announced that Swansea Channel would be the first of five NSW waterways to benefit from the Government's \$6.2 million dredging program. As of 4 March 2022, Swansea Ch

ANSWER: I am advised that the dredging is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2022.

SQ082

Since coming into power in 2011, has the Government modelled funding a shared dredging program to permanently operate between the Central Coast and Myall Lakes?

ANSWER: I am advised that the NSW Government has not modelled funding for a shared dredging program to permanently operate between the Central Coast and Myall Lakes. The draft Maritime Safety Plan 2026 commits to establish a long term, sustainable dredging program to support boater access to key waterways.

SQ083

What is the number of stakeholder complaints needed to trigger Transport for NSW to call for tenders for Swansea Channel?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 081.

SQ084

Given the number of stakeholder complaints about the difficulties navigating Swansea Channel, why has the tender not been issued?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW is working as quickly as possible to get through the necessary environmental approvals prior to awarding a dredging contract for the Swansea Channel.

SQ085

What data does Transport for NSW consider before calling for tenders for the dredging of Swansea Channel?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW considers:

- Priority of dredging in other waterways requesting assistance;
- Available funding;
- State of the channel through hydrographic survey;
- Review of operational data from Transport for NSW Maritime;
- Capacity of sand placement locations to accept sand; and
- Approval requirements from State government departments and council.

SQ086

What is the average timeframe for an application – from the initial application, assessment, and the completion of the noise mitigation treatment?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ087

What is the success rate?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ088

How many applications for the program have been approved in the last five years?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ089

How many applications have been completed within the electorate of Kogarah in the last five years?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ090

In reference to the above: on what streets are they located within the Kogarah electorate?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ091

What type of remediation works does the scheme include? (i.e. insulation, window glazing)

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ092

What is the average total cost of a noise abatement treatment irrespective of the cost-sharing arrangement?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ093

What is the breakdown of approvals across the State?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ094

What is the current status of the project?
(a) When will the detailed plan be released?
(b) This project has been in planning since 2009 with an independent review released in 2013 and \$9.5m for detailed planning in 2019/20;
i. When will construction comm

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 086.

SQ095

Were services on the Airport line suspended in February?

ANSWER: I am advised, yes, on 21 February 2022.

SQ096

If so, exactly what happened?

ANSWER: I refer to the responses provided in the hearing.

SQ097

Was this the type of major decision which the Minister said would be subject to his written endorsement?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 096.

SQ098

What has been done to prevent this from recurring?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 096.

SQ099

Has the NSW Government committed to build Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?

ANSWER: I am advised that the NSW Government has committed \$50 million to continue planning and development work for Stage 2 of Parramatta Light Rail, including \$30 million in the 2021-22 NSW Budget. An investment decision will be made following the completion of the Final Business Case.

SQ100

Given that in 2017 former Premier for NSW Gladys Berejiklian confirmed "planning for stage two was underway and is expected to be completed throughout 2018". Why was that planning not completed in 2018?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 099.

SQ101

What was the original projected cost of the Business Plan for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?

ANSWER: I am advised that Budget allocations for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail are publicly available on the NSW Treasury website.

SQ102

Given that former Transport Minister Andrew Constance stated on Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail "We are going to finalise a business case for this project by the end of 2018 and are working with communities to ensure we can maximise the potential for this option", why, with \$20 million allocated in the 2018/19 Budget and \$2 million in the 2019/20 Budget, has another \$50 million been allocated for a business case in the 2021/22 Budget?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 099.

SQ103

What is the NSW Government's projected completion date for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?

ANSWER: I refer you to my previous answer, provided in SQ 099.

SQ104

How many employees who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- (a) Department of Transport
- (b) Greater Sydney Commission
- (c) Infrastructure NSW
- (d) Newcastle Port Corporation
- (e) Transport Asset Holding Entity

ANSWER: I am advised

- (a) The Department of Transport only has one employee, the Secretary. The Transport for NSW's Annual Report has information about Transport staff employed within the larger Transport cluster.
- (b) This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.
- (c) This question should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.
- (d) The Port Authority of NSW does not hold this information.
- (e) None.

SQ105

How many senior managers who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- (a) Department of Transport
- (b) Greater Sydney Commission
- (c) Infrastructure NSW
- (d) Newcastle Port Corporation
- (e) Transport Asset Holding Entity

ANSWER: I am advised

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- (d) Port Authority of NSW does not hold this information
- (e) None.

SQ106

To Secretary Rob Sharp: can you provide the projected employee headcount for the Department of Transport by salary band as per the financial years in the table below? Table to be provided seperately

ANSWER: I am advised that the Department of Transport only has one employee, the Secretary. The Transport for NSW's Annual Report has information about Transport staff employed within the larger Transport cluster.

SQ107

To Secretary Rob Sharp: Can you please provide the projected budget figures for the Department of Transport as per the financial years in the table below? Table to be provided seperately

ANSWER: I am advised that this information is publically available in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.

SQ108

To Secretary Rob Sharp: Can you please provide the projected budget figures for the Department of Transport expenses as per the financial years in the table below? Table to be provided seperately

ANSWER: I am advised that this information is publically available in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.

SQ109

To Secretary Rob Sharp: Can you please provide the projected budget figures for the Department of Transport revenues as per the financial years in the table below? Table to be provided seperately

ANSWER: I am advised that this information is publically available in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.

SQ124

Is the NSW Ports Authority, or any department, considering allowing cruise ships to visit Jervis Bay?

ANSWER: I am advised that the Port Authority of NSW is not considering allowing cruise ships to visit Jervis Bay and is not aware of any department considering allowing cruise ships to visit Jervis Bay.

SQ125

Why are commercial cruise companies advertising to visit Jervis Bay in December 2022?

(a) Did companies advertising cruises to Jervis Bay in December 2022 consult with the NSW Ports Authority?

ANSWER: I am advised that the Port Authority of NSW has not been consulted in relation to the advertising of cruise ship companies.

SQ126

The NSW Government Draft Marine Park Plan includes references to cruise ship visitation as an economic driver for Jervis Bay Marine Park. Was the NSW Port Authority consulted during the development of the Draft Plan?

ANSWER: I am advised, yes.

SQ127

What is the status of the \$30 million Gosford Commuter Car Park commitment made by the Federal Government before the last election?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ128

Is the NSW Government surveying potential sites for conceptual designs?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ129

What sites have the NSW Government surveyed?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ130

What is the timeline for this project?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ131

When was the last meeting between Transport for NSW and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regarding the Gosford Car Park project?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ132

Has Transport for NSW produced a Strategic Business Case document for this project and if so can we be provided with a copy?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ133

Has Transport for NSW produced a Draft Development Project Proposal Report and if so can we be provided with a copy?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ134

To this date, how much of the \$30 million commitment made by the Federal Government been spent on the delivery of this project?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ135

What is the status of the \$5 million Woy Woy Commuter Car Park Project commitment made by the Federal Government before the last election?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

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SQ142

To this date, how much of the \$5 million commitment made by the Federal Government been spent on the delivery of this project?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ143

Does Transport have a climate change adaptation plan?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW prepares project-specific climate change risk assessment and adaptation plans consistently across the Transport cluster in accordance with the Transport for NSW Climate Risk Assessment Guidelines.

In addition, climate risk assessment and adaptation strategies are increasingly part of the environmental assessment process for projects.

Transport for NSW has also prepared mode-specific climate change risk assessments.

Transport for NSW contributes to the Department of Planning and Environment-led, multi-agency 'Cross-dependency initiative' which intends to understand interdependent climate change risks and adaptive solutions.

Transport for NSW has also prepared an Asset Resilience Strategy, which identifies at a high level the principles and objective of asset resilience, and the need to consider future climate change, as well as non-climate risks and how to adapt our transport assets to the changes.

SQ144

What active steps is Transport undertaking to deal with flood risk and other climate change risks?

ANSWER: I am advised that Transport for NSW has and will continue to undertake a number of initiatives to address flood risk, extreme weather events and climate change risks.

Some of the initiatives directly aim to address extreme weather risks or impacts, while others are part of routine maintenance or major period maintenance, with indirect benefits relating to building resilience to, or adapting to, climate change impacts. These include:

- Procurement of flood forecasting management tools;
- Pre-extreme event maintenance checks, including checking of gutters and drainage, pumps, and logistical planning for post-event inspections;
- Installation of enhanced lightning and surge protection at vulnerable assets;
- Installation of concrete sleepers as a replacement for timber sleepers, which reduces the likelihood of temperature-induced rail buckling and rail head movement;
- Installation of tension-regulated overhead wiring, which manages the effects of temperature fluctuations to the overhead wiring;
- Enhanced air conditioning of equipment and train cars;
- Improvements to advanced weather warning systems, which provide enhanced communication to key response staff, and improved weather prediction;
- Use of extreme weather speed restrictions for rail networks;

- Incident management and customer management procedures for extreme weather events;
- Condition monitoring of assets subject to extreme weather impacts;
- Development of design standards to provide guidance on existing and future ambient operating conditions of assets;
- Recording of extreme weather and response actions in incident management and asset management systems; and
- Development of corridor bushfire resilience programs.

SQ145

Why is Transport for NSW refusing to produce an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the entire Katoomba – Lithgow upgrade of the Great Western Highway and why does it think combining REFS is sufficient and will satisfy the local community, when a REF

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ146

Is Transport for NSW avoiding an EIS as an EIS must include consideration of alternative options to a proposed plan?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ147

In 2013 the Blue Mountains City Council did a Plan of Management for Medlow Bath Park which identified six Aboriginal sites within one kilometre of the park. Under these circumstances, why is a REF more acceptable to the Department of Transport than an EI

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ148

How will exhaust fumes from increased traffic through Medlow Bath be reduced and how will the noise pollution be addressed?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ149

How is the TfNSW going to address the issue of pollution and noise in relation to species such as the Brown Gerygone, Crescent Honeyeater, Large Billed Scrubwren, Channel Bill Cuckoos, New Holland Honeyeaters etc and their habitats in Medlow Bath?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ150

How will TfNSW protect the historical row of oak trees planted in 1933 extending from the bridge at Medlow Bath northwards, and which will be impacted by pollution from the project's planned funnelling of traffic via a spillway in Station Street in close

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ151

How does Transport for NSW support the provision of narrow traffic lanes in the proposed highway upgrade in Medlow Bath. They are not in accordance with published standard safety widths for multiple lane traffic, particularly with the larger trucks propos

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ152

How does TfNSW propose to fully mitigate the greatly increased overland flow and vehicle pollution draining from the widened GWH through Medlow Bath Park and into the drinking water catchments for the Upper Blue Mountains?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ153

What mitigation of the increased traffic noise will be provided by TfNSW to the Medlow Bath Tourist Accommodation establishments and residents of the village?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

SQ154

How many hollow trees (providing potential wildlife habitat) will be removed by the widening of the highway from Katoomba to Blackheath?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

VETERANS SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide**

1. Has the NSW Government made an official submission to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide yet?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - i. Does the government intend to lodge a submission?

ANSWER: As this information is Cabinet in Confidence, it would be inappropriate to comment.

2. What programs does the NSW Government have in place to specifically support veterans who have attempted suicide or who are deemed at risk of suicide?
 - (a) How much funding was provided for those programs by the NSW Government in 21/22

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

3. What programs does the NSW Government have in place to specifically support children of veterans of current Australian Defence Forces personnel?
 - (a) How much funding was provided for those programs by the NSW Government in 21/22?

ANSWER: I am advised that the Office for Veterans Affairs is currently working with the Department of Education to develop a new resource to support the children of veterans settle into schools, as part of its NSW Veterans Strategy Action Plan.

4. Does the NSW Government keep statistics on the number of veterans in NSW who have committed suicide or attempted suicide?
- (a) If so, what are those statistics?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - i. Are there any intentions to establish procedures or protocols to monitor the number of veterans in NSW who have committed suicide or attempted suicide?

ANSWER: I am advised that NSW Health is the owner of the NSW Suicide Monitoring System dataset and any request relating to that data would be made to NSW Health.

Office of Veterans Affairs

5. What is the full time equivalent (FTE) of the Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA)?
- (a) How many FTEs were in the OVA in 20/21?
 - (b) How many FTEs were in the OVA in 2018/19?
 - (c) How many FTEs were in the OVA in 2015/16
 - (d) How many people does the OVA employ?

ANSWER: I am advised that there are currently 13 employees.

- (a) 13
- (b) 12
- (c) The Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) was part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and OVA functions were supported by DPC with 11 staff at that time.
- (d) 13

6. How many people in the OVA were employed as a result of the Veterans Employment Program?
- (a) If so, how many?
 - i. What are their roles?
 - ii. How long have they been employed in the OVA?
 - (b) If none, are there intentions to employ people in the OVA via the Veterans Employment Program?

ANSWER: I am advised that:

- (a) Four veterans and one veteran spouse have been employed in the OVA since the Veterans Employment Program commenced.

- i. Veterans Employment Program Manager, Veterans Employment Project Assistant & Policy Officer
- ii. Veterans Employment Program Manager x 2 (2016-Dec 2017 & Jan 2018 to present) Veterans Employment Assistant Project Officer (Veteran Spouse Jan 2017- May 2018 and veteran/veteran spouse May 2019 -present) Policy Officer (Feb - Jun 2020)

7. How many people in the OVA are veterans?
- (a) How many are partners or children of veterans?

ANSWER: I am advised that there are two veterans and one daughter of a veteran who are currently employed by the OVA. One veteran is also a partner of a veteran. In addition, the Anzac Memorial employs five veterans full time and three veterans part time.

8. What was the budget for the OVA in 2021/22?
- (a) What was the budget for the OVA in 2020/21?
 - (b) What was the budget for the OVA in 2019/18?
 - (c) What was the budget for the OVA in 2015/16?

ANSWER: I am advised that these figures can be found in the agencies Annual Report.

9. Where are the OVA offices based?
- (a) If leased, when does the current lease expire?

ANSWER: I am advised that the OVA offices are based at 50 Phillip Street Sydney. There is no lease.

10. Have there been any discussions about relocating the OVA?
- (a) Do you anticipate the OVA will need to be relocated?

ANSWER: I am advised that the OVA offices will be relocated.

11. What role does the OVA have in supporting/assisting the National Centre for Veterans at Concord Hospital?
- (a) Has there been any discussions about increasing the OVA's involvement with the National Centre for Veterans?

ANSWER: I am advised that the National Centre for Veterans' Healthcare (NCVH) is managed and funded by NSW Health.

12. How many veterans did the Ranks to Recognition (RTR) assist so far in 21/22?
- (a) How many veterans did RTR assist in 20/21?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology.

13. How many partners or spouses did RTR assist in 21/22?
- (a) How many partners or spouses did RTR assist in 20/21?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology.

14. How many veterans has the Veterans Skill Program assisted to date?

ANSWER: This question should be directed to the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology.