

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2021-2022**  
**Supplementary Questions**

**Portfolio Committee No. 1 Premier and Finance**

**JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY,  
INDUSTRY AND TRADE**

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Answers due by: 24 November 2021

**PRESENT**

The Hon. Stuart Ayres,  
Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney,  
Minister for Industry and Trade

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

1. Has the government been recording data in regards to tourism during Covid-19 period?

Reply:

Yes. However, due to international border closures since April 2020, Tourism Research Australia has been unable to undertake interviews as part of the International Visitor Survey (IVS). Tourism Research Australia estimated the IVS results, during this period, using the Overseas Arrivals and Departure data and other immigration data (e.g. passport and visa information) sourced from the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs.

2. Has the government been recording data in regards to tourism during Covid-19 period?

Reply:

At the Year Ending June 2019, there were 214,203 nights (98,142 International, 116,060 Domestic)

3. Can you provide the number of visitor nights for 2019?

Reply:

At the Year Ending June 2020, there were 168,586 nights (69,747 International, 98,839 Domestic)

4. Can you provide the number of visitor nights for 2020?

Reply:

At the Year Ending June 2021, there were 107,832 nights (4,320 International, 103,511 Domestic)

5. Is there a prediction for visitor nights 2022?

Reply:

No

6. Has any work been done on how the domestic tourism industry will recover?

(a) Pre international tourism returning.

(b) Post international tourism returning.

Reply:

Tourism Research Australia (TRA) and Deloitte have prepared reports on tourism recovery and scenarios in June and September 2020. TRA predicted that domestic tourism recovery was most likely to be around July 2022 and international tourism recovery was most likely to be around October 2023. Deloitte Access Economics predicted that demand for domestic and international tourism would return to 2019 levels around mid-2022.

7. Does the current government financial support packages take into account the staggered return of visitor nights and domestic tourism operations?

Reply:

This question should be referred to the Hon. Matt Kean MP, Treasurer.

8. The tourism sector has identified a skill and workforce shortage particularly in regional NSW. What work is the NSW government doing to match skills training with workforce shortages in the tourism industry in NSW?

(a) What modelling is the NSW government undertaking to determine the impact of international students and visa worker shortage in the short to medium term?

Reply:

This question should be referred to the Hon. Geoff Lee MP, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education.

9. The event industry including business conferences plan their events many years in advance. Do the current NSW grant processes allow for events planned for 2023 and beyond?

Reply:

The Regional Business Event Development Fund takes into consideration the long lead time required for planning events. Under the fund, there is no time limit on when business events are held.

In determining the criteria of its funding programs, Destination NSW seeks to ensure they meet industry demand and generate economic growth for the business events sector. An analysis by the Association of Australian Convention Bureaux shows there was an average of seven quarters or 1.75 years-lead time between bid submissions and event start dates between 2013-2019. This data supports the criteria developed by Destination NSW for the Regional

Business Events Development Fund which does not place an end date on how far in advance a business event may be held to receive funding within a financial year period (for example, business events taking place in 2023 and beyond may receive funding under the Regional Business Event Development Fund which is currently open for applications).

10. What are the current usage figures is for dine and discover?

(a) 2020-21 financial year, Dine and Discover?

Reply:

This question should be referred to the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital.

### **Destination NSW International Offices**

11. NSW has International Offices in 13 locations. Auckland, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu ,Guangzhou ,Seoul, London, Frankfurt, Tokyo, Singapore, Mumbai. How many staff are employed at each Office?

(a) Is each Office rented individually or do they share space?

(b) What is the Annual Budget of each Office including Salaries?

(c) What is the Annual Budget of each Office including Salaries?

(d) How is the recruitment process for these Offices carried out?

(e) Where are the jobs advertised?

Reply:

There are 21 staff employed in Destination NSW international offices

(a) Destination NSW co-locates with Tourism Australia in six offices, Investment NSW in three offices, Tourism and Events Queensland in one office, and has three standalone offices

(b) The annual budget for international office FY2021-222 totals \$3.27 million, including salaries

(c) See answer to question 11b

- (d) Recruitment is in accordance with the NSW Government Sector Employment Act 2013
- (e) Roles are advertised in the specific international markets.

12. Investment NSW offices has offices in; China, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Vietnam.

- (a) What is the Salary of each Trade and Investment Commissioner?
- (b) What are the staff numbers of each Office?
- (c) What is the annual budget for each Office?
- (d) How is the effectiveness of each Office assessed?

**(a) What is the Salary of each Trade and Investment Commissioner?**

*Answer*

Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners will be remunerated in line with other senior officials within the NSW government and in accordance with the *Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975*.

Under this Act, salaries are set by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal (SOORT).

Due to the seniority and importance of these roles, the deep expertise and extensive experience required of incumbents, they are being remunerated equivalent to a grade 3 senior executive and in line with the SOORT salary bands for such positions. The remuneration details of individuals are private and confidential.

**(b) What are the staff numbers of each Office?**

*Answer*

The staff numbers for each office as at 10 November 2021 are shown in the table below.

<b>Office</b>	<b>No. of staff in offices at 10 November</b>
Tokyo (Hub)	3
Seoul (Spoke)	1
London (Hub)	2
Frankfurt (Spoke)	-
Paris (Spoke)	-

Singapore (Hub)	1
Ho Chi Minh City (Spoke)	2
Jakarta (Spoke)	2
Kuala Lumpur (Spoke)	-
New York (Hub)	-
San Francisco (Spoke)	2
Washington (Spoke)	-
Santiago (Spoke)	-
Toronto (Spoke)	-
Mumbai (Hub)	3
Bangalore (Spoke)	-
Abu Dhabi (Spoke)	1
Dubai (open for 12 months for Dubai Export) (Spoke)	1
Shanghai (Hub)	3
Guangzhou (Spoke)	4
Hong Kong (Spoke)	-
Beijing (Spoke)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	25

**(c) What is the annual budget for each Office?**

*Answer*

The 2021-22 budget for the Trade and Investment international offices is \$18.6 million. This includes salaries; rent; capital costs such as office fit out and construction works, furnishings and fittings, and IT enablement; and operating costs including travel, events, marketing, and business development.

Budgets are provided by region as not all offices are fully operational yet.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Budget</u>
North Asia	\$3.8 million
UK, Europe and Israel	\$4.0 million
India and the Middle East	\$2.6 million
ASEAN	\$2.6 million
Greater China	\$2.6 million
Americas	\$3.0 million

**TOTAL**

**\$18.6 million**

**(d) How is the effectiveness of each Office assessed?**

*Answer*

Investment NSW is currently finalising its overarching business plan and its performance framework. For the international team, KPIs will include achieving results specifically related to investment attraction and export outcomes.

For investment attraction they include:

1. New investment leads identified by the office that align with NSW's priority industries and places.
2. Account management of, and service delivery to these investors, including client satisfaction with our services.
3. Investment deals supported with foreign businesses, including capital invested and jobs created or retained as a direct result of our assistance.

For export, the KPIs will be focussed on:

1. Number of NSW businesses assisted by the office to export to that market, including a percentage which should be "new to the region" as we support NSW businesses find new export markets.
2. The dollar value and number of export sales achieved by NSW business as a direct result of our assistance.
3. Client satisfaction with our services.

**Skills and Workforce Shortage in Tourism**

13. Australian Regional Tourism has called for leadership to address the issue of skills and workforce shortages, which it says will be "the next crisis to hit the regions", what plans do the NSW Government have to address this issue in Regional NSW?

Reply:

This question should be referred to the Hon. Geoff Lee MP,  
Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education.

14. After two years of stop-start COVID-19 lockdowns NSW is ready to party, but venues from restaurants to sporting stadiums are facing a difficult summer after a huge exodus

of holiday workers and foreign students, what strategies have been put in place to address these shortages by the NSW Government?

Reply:

This question should be referred to the Hon. Geoff Lee MP,  
Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education.

15. Government statistics show the number of non-resident workers in the country; (often travellers with work visas) was down by two-thirds in the June quarter of 2021 from the start of 2020, is there a plan to fill this gap and support NSW business?

Reply:

Issues related to visas are a question for the Commonwealth Government. Questions related to skills shortages should be referred to the Hon. Geoff Lee MP, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education.

### **Jobs Plus Program**

16. Under the Jobs Plus Program how many business has the Jobs Plus Program assisted?

- (a) How many employees are directly involved in the concierge service?
- (b) How are you monitoring compliance?
- (c) How many businesses have registered for the payroll tax relief where they have created 30 new jobs?
- (d) Can new businesses register anytime during the four year period?
- (e) How much of the \$250 million has been spent?
- (f) How many are employed directly in the Job Plus concierge?
- (g) How is the payroll tax program monitored?
- (h) Under Job Plus Program how many subsidized training package rebates have been awarded?
  - i. How many of these programs have been developed to the point where they can be accessed by the NSW wider community?



- (i) How many infrastructure rebates have been awarded? Can you give us an example?
- (j) What is the current dollar value of the infrastructure rebates to the 30th of June 2021?
- (k) How many businesses have gained access to subsidized government short term government accommodation?
  - i. Can you provide an example of one?
- (l) What is the average subsidy?
- (m) Can you provide an example of a business that received fast tracked planning approval?
  - i. How many jobs did that create?

Reply:

- (a) To date, the Jobs Plus concierge service has been serviced from existing staff.
- (b) Jobs Plus Program support is provided via milestones set out in the Jobs Plus deed of agreement. Timing and requirements of these milestone vary depending on the scope and timelines of the project. Successful applicants will be required to submit project progress reports to Investment NSW as outlined in the Jobs Plus deed of agreement.
- (c) Of the nine (9) applications approved to 5 November 2021, eight (8) have requested payroll tax relief.
- (d) Eligible businesses can apply to the Jobs Plus Program up to 30 June 2022.
- (e) As at 5 November 2021, a total of \$65.1 million in Jobs Plus Program support from the Fund plus an additional \$21.3 million in payroll tax relief has been approved.
- (f) To date, the Jobs Plus concierge service has been serviced from existing staff.
- (g) Through the Deed of agreement, a successful applicant must provide:
  - i. Reports in relation to the conduct of the project and the Deed of Agreement. These reports will contain information as set out in the Milestone reporting; and

- ii. a Statutory Declaration as to employees created by the project each twelve (12) months to provide evidence of the FTEs created and continuing.
- (h) Of the nine (9) applications approved to 5 November 2021, four (4) have requested subsidised training rebates. Training rebates are provided for the cost of training those net new employees relating to the new investment project.
- (i) Of the nine (9) application approved to 5 November 2021, nine (9) have requested enabling infrastructure rebates. The application for Macquarie Telecom requested an enabling infrastructure rebate to establish a Sovereign Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence to provide cybersecurity services supporting the NSW and Commonwealth governments.
- (j) A total of \$62.4 million in infrastructure rebates have been requested for the nine (9) applications approved to 5 November 2021.
- (k) None of the nine (9) applications approved to 5 November 2021 requested access to the subsidised short term government accommodation.
- (l) Across the nine (9) applications approved to 5 November 2021, the average level of support from the Fund provided to applicants across all levers is \$7.2 million.
- (m) None of the nine (9) applications approved to 5 November 2021 have requested the fast-tracked planning approval service.

**Aboriginal Internship Program Destination New South Wales**

17. How many internships since 2013 have been offered to Aboriginal people?
Reply: Four internships
18. How many of those positions resulted in full time positions?
Reply: None
19. How many internship places are offered each financial year?
Reply:

Information about Destination NSW internship program can be found on its corporate website at [www.destinationnsw.com.au/contact-us/jobs](http://www.destinationnsw.com.au/contact-us/jobs)

### **Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility**

20. In relation to the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility [AMRF] announced in a media released titled “First look at the Aerotropolis’ Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility” in November 2020:
- (a) When was the AMRF expected to be completed?
  - (b) What was the size of the AMRF in square metres?
  - (c) What technology was to be available in the facility?
  - (d) What equipment was to be available in the facility?
  - (e) How many FTE jobs were expected to be created;
    - i. During construction of the facility?
    - ii. During the operation of the facility?
  - (f) What is the current status of the AMRF, as announced in November 2020?

Reply:

Please refer to responses to Questions on Notice 7147, 7150 and 7153.

The preparation of a Business Case for the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility (AMRF) was announced in November 2020.

Funds were made available in the 2020-21 Budget to progress planning activities for the AMRF. The NSW Government is trialling the concept of the AMRF by investing in a multi-purpose First Building that will provide initial advanced manufacturing facilities and equipment in the Bradfield City Centre. The First Building was subject to the development of a Business Case, with funding for the facility announced as part of the 2021-22 Budget. The First Building will be critical to the early activation of the AMRF and of the Bradfield City Centre.

Noting the AMRF is a unique proposition for NSW and the Bradfield City Centre, planning activities for the full-scale facility are still underway. It is currently expected that these activities, including the finalisation of a Business Case for the full-scale AMRF and related investigations, will be completed in the first half of 2022.

Further detail on the AMRF is available in the Invitation to Partner document recently published by the WPCA. This document is available at:

[https://wpca.sydney/assets/Documents/Publications/Bradfield\\_City\\_Centre\\_An-Invitation\\_to\\_Partner\\_1021.pdf](https://wpca.sydney/assets/Documents/Publications/Bradfield_City_Centre_An-Invitation_to_Partner_1021.pdf)

21. In relation to the answer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 7153, why has the Government decided to trial the concept of the AMRF in the First Building in Bradfield City, rather than build the full-scale, standalone AMRF?

Reply:

Planning activities for the full-scale AMRF are still underway. It is currently expected that these activities, including the finalisation of a Business Case and related investigations, will be completed in the first half of 2022.

The multi-purpose First Building will provide initial advanced manufacturing facilities and equipment in the Bradfield City Centre while planning activities for the full-scale AMRF are completed. The First Building will be critical to the early activation of the AMRF and of the Bradfield City Centre.

22. Is the Government still committed to delivering a full-scale, standalone AMRF in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis?

(a) If so, when will the facility be delivered?

(b) If so, where will the facility be located?

(c) If not, why not?

Reply:

Planning activities for the full-scale AMRF are still underway. It is currently expected that these activities, including the finalisation of a Business Case and related investigations, will be completed in the first half of 2022.

23. In relation to the trial AMRF in the First Building:

- (a) What is the building footprint in square metres?
- (b) What technology will be available?
- (c) What equipment will be available?
- (d) How many FTE jobs are expected to be created;
  - i. During construction,
  - ii. During the operation of the facility?
- (e) What businesses/ organisations have signed on to be tenants?
  - i. How much space will each tenant take up?
  - ii. What is the duration of the leases signed for each tenant?
  - iii. Did those businesses/ organisations sign up before or after the Government decided the trial the concept of the AMRF?

Reply:

Information regarding the First Building is regularly updated on the WPCA website - <https://wpcasidney/community/first-building/>

24. In relation to renderings of the AMRF that were released in November 2020 as part of a media release titled "First look at the Aerotropolis' Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility":

- (a) What was the cost to design those renderings?
- (b) Were the renderings created by a Government Department or a third-party consultant?
  - i. If a Government Department created the renderings, which one?
  - ii. If a consultant create the renderings, what was the name of the company?

- (c) Besides accompanying the media release, how else have those renderings been used?
- (d) Will a full-scale, standalone AMRF still look like the building in those renderings?
  - i. If not, why not?

Reply:

The renders of the AMRF building were prepared by Architectus as part of initial design work for the building at a cost of approximately \$12,500.

The renders have been used in industry attraction activities and stakeholder engagement.

Design work will continue, noting that planning activities for the full-scale AMRF are still underway. It is currently expected that these activities, including the finalisation of a Business Case and related investigations, will be completed in the first half of 2022.

### Local Government Areas of Concern

- 25. What criteria needed to be met for a Local Government Area to be classified as an LGA of concern?
  - (a) What criteria needed to be met for a Local Government Area to no longer be considered an LGA of concern?
  - (b) Did the Minister for Health ever provide you with the criteria above?
    - i. If so when?

Reply: This is a matter for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

### WestInvest

- 26. How much of the \$5 billion WestInvest fund will be spent on:
  - (a) Schools?
  - (b) Health?
  - (c) Public transport?

- (d) Emergency services/emergency service facilities?
- (e) Roads?
- (f) Community facilities?
- (g) Parks/sporting facilities?

Reply: No decisions have been made regarding which projects will receive funding from WestInvest.

### Various projects

27. Can you provide an update on the following projects:

- (a) The Spring Farm Link Road between Menangle Road and Appin Road?
- (b) The M9 Orbital?
- (c) The upgrade of Dunheved Road?

Reply:

This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

28. Does the NSW Government have any intentions to upgrade the Appin Road to a dual carriage way between Kellerman Drive, St Helens Park, and Bulli Tops?

Reply:

This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

29. When will the following projects be complete:

- (a) Oran Park Fire Station?
- (b) Gregory Hills Public School?

Reply:

- (a) This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
- (b) This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Education.

### Western Sydney Airport

30. Have you been given any indication of when the flight paths for the Western Sydney Airport will be confirmed?

(a) Can you provide any details in regards to the flight paths?

Reply:

Information regarding the status of the flight paths for the Western Sydney Airport is available on the website of the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication -

<https://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/about/flight-paths>.

31. Can you provide a timeline for when the train line from the Western Sydney Airport south to Macarthur/Leppington will begin?

(a) Can you provide a timeline for when the train line from the Western Sydney Airport south to Macarthur/Leppington will be finished?

Reply:

This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads

32. Will construction be required for any rapid bus routes to and from the Western Sydney Airport?

(a) If so, can you provide details on when that construction will begin?

(b) When it will conclude?

(c) Where that construction will need to occur?

Reply:

This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads

## **Current and Future Provision of Health Services in the South West Sydney Growth Region**



33. The Upper House inquiry into the Current and Future Provision of Health Services in the South West Sydney Growth Region made a number of recommendations. In your capacity as the Minister for Western Sydney, what have you done to advocate for the following recommendations to be implemented?
- (a) The New South Wales Government address without delay the historical under-funding of health and hospital services in South-West Sydney
  - (b) That NSW Health immediately review its funding methodology for Local Health Districts to ensure fairer allocation of resources to growth areas like South-West Sydney. The funding methodology should ensure health funding keeps pace with population growth and accounts for higher health risk profiles
  - (c) That NSW Health develop and implement a real time system of health data reporting across Local Health Districts that is transparent and includes, but is not limited to: capacity reporting, occupancy rates for acute inpatient beds, staff numbers and wait times for patients needing to access outpatient care.
  - (d) That the New South Wales Government work with the South Western Sydney Primary Health Network and the Commonwealth Government to reinstate a 24 hour GP clinic in order to reduce pressures on the emergency department and local general practitioner clinics.
  - (e) That NSW Health review the relationship between primary and secondary/tertiary health care with a view to improving integration and supporting the role of primary health care providers to reduce pressure on the local hospital network.
  - (f) That NSW Health develop and adequately resource a more proactive and holistic community care model for higher risk patients in South-West Sydney, including an improved follow up model of health care.
  - (g) That NSW Health urgently review the outpatient services currently provided and planned for South-West Sydney, to ensure services meet the needs of this rapidly growing community with a higher risk profile
  - (h) That NSW Health increase the number of paramedics working in the South Western Sydney Local Health District to improve response times and to keep up with the rapidly increasing population in new growth areas.

- (i) That NSW Health review current staffing levels and recruitment programs and take steps to ensure that South-West Sydney has adequate medical specialists, nurses and other health workers to accommodate its population growth and the higher health risk profile
- (j) That NSW Health address the following issues at Liverpool Hospital: enhance radiology and ultrasound services after hours; enhance resources for emergency surgery; and immediately fill vacant positions and increase the number of junior doctors at the hospital
- (k) That NSW Health address the following issues at Campbelltown Hospital: immediately fill the vacant positions within the Emergency Department; immediately fill the vacant position that exists for a full-time psychologist for the adolescent mental health unit; immediately fill the vacant midwife positions; and examine the proposal of establishing paediatric surgery and other paediatric subspecialties at the hospital.
- (l) That NSW Health address the following issues at Fairfield Hospital: immediately examine the need for additional operating theatres; immediately audit the theatre equipment at the hospital and establish a plan for the replacement of aged equipment; and enhance the kidney dialysis treatment available at the hospital to ensure all patients receive the recommended number of treatments.
- (m) That NSW Health fast-track the site selection for the new Bankstown-Lidcome Hospital.
- (n) That NSW Health immediately review the availability of maternity and paediatric services across South-West Sydney with the aim to expand and increase the availability of these services to keep up with the number of families living in the region.
- (o) That NSW Health immediately review the number of mental health beds and staffing levels across the region with the aim to expand bed capacity as well as improving connection between hospital and community based services for those experiencing mental health issues.
- (p) That NSW Health develop and implement a more effective preventative health strategy to address the higher rate of chronic health diseases in South-West Sydney as the population continues to increase.

(q) That the New South Wales Government secure land within the Aerotropolis precinct for a future health facility that could expand children’s services to meet the needs of South-West Sydney, including the projected population in and around this precinct.

Reply:

In my capacity as the Minister for Western Sydney, I regularly engage with my Ministerial colleagues to advocate for the interests of Western Sydney.

### Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

#### Kamay Ferry Wharf

34. The NSW Government is committing \$200 million in the 2020-21 NSW Budget to drive visitation and visitor spending in NSW. In the *Visitor Economy Strategy 2030* the Government has said it will invest in ‘maritime infrastructure to deliver a quality visitor experience’. Is the proposed Kamay Ferry Wharf project, which is a tourist service, considered part of this maritime infrastructure to support the visitor economy?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Transport and Roads.

35. The design of the wharf at La Perouse seems to be unusually large if it is just for a small local tourist service; it is quite a different scale to the ones operating at Bundeena and Pittwater and about 10 times the size of the previous wharf that it is meant to be reinstating. Are you aware of any other purpose that this wharf may be used for at any future date?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Transport and Roads.

36. In the Tourism and Transport Plan – Supporting the Visitor Economy, much of the plan is devoted to supporting the cruise ship industry and a key idea is that “visitors will increasingly expect seamless connections between tourism gateways like cruise ship ports and airports and destinations” and it suggests ferries will play an important role to support this. Is this ferry wharves marine infrastructure part of a plan to offload

passengers at La Perouse and so solve possible future road traffic congestion problems around Port Botany if Hayes Dock were to become an interim cruise ship solution or Yarra Bay was to become a permanent solution?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Transport and Roads.

37. Many times in the Kamay Ferry Wharf EIS it suggests that the project supports the 2018 Tourism and Transport Plan – Supporting the Visitor Economy. In fact all the plans that the project is said to support were written after the project was announced in 2015 and after a feasibility study was written in 2016. It seems a very odd process to introduce a project first and then retrofit plans to reflect the project second - do you think this is appropriate?

Reply:

See answer to Question 34

38. In the Tourism and Transport plan it mentions that “Transport for NSW is also unlocking underutilised assets for use by the Tourism sector” and “Government investment to upgrade the ferry wharves will unlock private capital”. Do you intend for this ferry wharf infrastructure to be opened up to tourist operators for commercial opportunities if it can be shown to be underutilised as a transport asset?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Transport and Roads.

39. In the Tourism and Transport plan the Government states that Tourism will work with Treasury, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and Department of Industry to investigate opportunities to remove regulatory barriers to entry for emerging cruise markets; and in the Cruise Development plan of 2018 the Government mentions that it will include “considerations of different financing mechanisms”. What exactly does this mean? What level of financial assistance is being contemplated by the Government in relation to the cruise industry?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Transport and Roads.