

**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT
HEARING: 7 NOVEMBER 2023
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

Question no: 1

1. Transcript Page 20: HOWARD COLLINS: "This project was actually part of national parks. It wasn't something that we came up with." Given that this is a National Parks project under the National Parks Kurnell Master Plan, did Minister Haylen consult with the Minister for Environment, Ms Penny Sharpe in making her decision to proceed?

Answer:

No.

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is committed to minimising impacts to the environment and is using a variety of environmental safeguards and mitigation measures throughout construction of the project.

Transport will continue to work with regulatory agencies and the determining authority to ensure environmental impacts are appropriately managed.

Question no: 2

2. Given the impacts on Threatened Marine Species in the Botany Bay Recreational Fishing Haven and that Fisheries did not support the project, as stated in their submission to the EIS, did Minister Jo Haylen consult with the Minister for Agriculture, Ms Tara Moriarty, when making her decision to proceed?

Answer:

No.

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is committed to minimising impacts to the environment and is using a variety of environmental safeguards and mitigation measures throughout construction of the project.

Transport will continue to work with regulatory agencies and the determining authority to ensure environmental impacts are appropriately managed.

Question no: 3

3. At Transport Budget Estimates 3rd September 2021 Mr Howard Collins stated that Mr Betts, who was then Secretary for Planning, Industry and Environment, visited the La Perouse LALC. Mr Collins referred to Mr Betts again at Transport Budget Estimates 26th August, 2022. Mr Betts was appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications 23rd June 2023. On 7th November 2023 at Transport Budget Estimates Mr Collins stated that "It had a number of Ministers during its tenure and certainly other senior officials from both Federal Government and also State Government." Has there been any communication about this project between Minister Jo Haylen, her office or Mr Collins or other members of the

Transport Department with Mr Jim Betts since Mr Betts left the NSW Public Service in 2021.?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Minister, the Minister's Office and Transport for NSW are not aware of any communication about this project with Mr Jim Betts since Mr Betts left the NSW Public Service in 2021.

Question no: 4

4. Was Infrastructure NSW staff or the responsible Minister, Mr Daniel Mookhey, or NSW Treasury consulted regarding the revised Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) for this project, as a result of the additional cost of \$13million incurred after the contract awarded 29th July, 2023, and more generally as a result of the project more than doubling from \$34million during the EIS process to \$78million, as stated by Minister Haylen in Parliament 22nd June 2023.

Answer:

I am advised:

A letter of award was issue to the contractor on 29 July 2022.

Transport for NSW has provided updates to Infrastructure NSW as part of project quarterly Cabinet reporting.

Question no: 5

5. Please provide a full breakdown of costs incurred for this project from the date the contract was signed with McConnell Dowell 29th July 2023 to 3rd March 2023 when the Care Taker Period began

Answer:

I am advised:

Total project costs including payments to McConnell Dowell up to 3rd March 2023 are \$17.4 million. This includes major contractor, design and planning, construction/environmental, and project management/other costs.

Question no: 6

6. What is the full breakdown of costs incurred for this project for the period 29th March, 2023 to 30th June, 2023.

Answer:

I am advised:

Total project costs including payments to McConnell Dowell incurred for this project for 3 March 2023 to 30 June, 2023 are \$5.8 million. This includes major contractor, design and planning, and project/other construction costs.

The total project expense until the end of November 2023 is \$35.4 million.

Question no: 7

7. When asked what 'frank and fearless' advice was given, Mr Collins stated on 7th November 2023 that: "I think my frank and fearless advice was about the absolute significance of this connection between these two lands, particularly for Aboriginal people. I was very passionate about ensuring that we didn't lose that connection." Mr Collins stated that it would take 10 minutes on a ferry, which contradicts, the business case in the EIS of 20 minutes before factoring in delays for container traffic and swells as well as upload and download time, getting to and from wharves and walking the distance of the wharves which is over 400 metres. Can the minister explain this contradictory evidence?

Answer:

I am advised:

A Transport for NSW working group is investigating the most appropriate operating model and entity to run a potential future ferry service.

Transport for NSW will keep the community updated on any proposed plan.

The Environmental Impact Statement executive summary outlined that it is expected a ferry service would take about 20 minutes to travel between La Perouse and Kurnell.

Question no: 8

8. In the latest available ABS data there are 118 Aboriginal people who reside at La Perouse and 100 at Kurnell. One of the alternative means of connection, referred to in the EIS, is a bus. A bus can pick people up directly from their homes and take them to Kurnell or La Perouse in air-conditioned comfort and provide other services such as stopping at other sites in the KBB National Park.. When reviewing this project and assessing the value for NSW taxpayers and the Aboriginal community did Minister Haylen, her office, or any staff in the Transport Department, or Minister Penny Sharpe, her office, or any staff in National Parks and Wildlife Service, consider the benefits of this alternative particularly given there would be at least another \$32 million to be spent, in addition to the \$46 million spent before the project commenced in July 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of the project development process, several alternative options were considered, including increasing public transport options, however this option was discounted as it would not meet the project objectives.

More information about the alternatives considered is available in Chapter 4 of the Environmental Impact Statement

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/rww/projects/01documents/kamay-ferry-wharves/kamay-ferry-wharves-eis-project-development-and-alternatives.pdf>.

Question no: 9

9. Can Minister Haylen confirm whether the \$78million includes on-going maintenance for whole-of-life?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ongoing maintenance is not included in the capital expenditure (capex) allocation of \$78 million.

Question no: 10

10. What other whole-of-life costs are included in the \$78 million?

Answer:

I am advised:

The \$78 million comprises capital expenditure (capex) and does not include whole-of-life costs.

Question no: 11

11. Mr Collins stated at Budget Estimates 7th November, 2023, that " In fact, we've covered up a pipeline that was installed in the sixties that ripped through the seagrass by previous building of a huge oil terminal that, if you remember, is right next door." Could you please provide details of the pipeline project that took place in the sixties, the extent of the loss, and how many square metres Transport has been responsible for 'covering up'.

Answer:

I am advised:

Various pipeline projects to transport fuel from Kurnell across the Botany Bay seabed have occurred since the 1950s. These works often included the extensive use of dredging.

Transport for NSW has developed a Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy, to ensure no net marine biodiversity loss in Botany Bay as a result of the construction of the wharves. This is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website

(<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/kamay-ferry-wharves-marine-biodiversity-offset-strategy-june-2023.pdf>).

As part of the Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy, Transport for NSW worked with the University of Sydney and marine ecologists to survey and map the project impact area at Kurnell to understand *Posidonia australis* seagrass patterns of growth.

Nearby *Posidonia* meadow at Kurnell was also surveyed to carefully select the best sites to rehabilitate by replanting them with *Posidonia*. Some of these sites include areas where we can heal existing 'scars' or damaged parts of the meadow.

The first stage of the Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy has been successfully completed, with around 13,000 *Posidonia australis* seagrass shoots translocated to rehabilitation sites, including mooring and electrical cable scars. A map of the rehabilitation sites can be viewed in the Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy (Appendix 6, Figure 4-5, page 193).

Transport for NSW has commenced work with the University of NSW and Gamay Rangers to collect naturally detached *Posidonia* fragments from beaches around Botany Bay and replant into restoration areas.

Question no: 12

12. Has there been any communication about this project between Minister Jo Haylen, her office, with the Federal Government MP for Kingsford Smith Mr Matt Thistlethwaite?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes.

Question no: 13

13. This was a project endorsed by the Federal MP for Cook and former Prime Minister Scott Morrison. Has there been any communication about this project between Minister Jo Haylen, her office with the current Prime Minister, Mr Anthony Albanese, or any member of his office.

Answer:

I am advised:

No.

Question no: 14

14. In relation to the Sydney Ferry Fleet Review:

(a) What is the total cost of this review?

Answer:

I am advised:

The cost of the Ferry Fleet Review was met from within existing agency resources.

Question no: 15

15. In relation to the Sydney Metro Review:

(a) What is the total cost of the review?

(b) How many staff from Transport for NSW are actively assisting the review?

(c) Will the findings of the review be made public?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Transport for NSW publishes details of its contracts in accordance with the [Government Information \(Public Access\) Act 2009](#).

(b) No Transport for NSW staff are currently actively assisting the review. Over the course of the review, three staff provided secretariat support as required.

(c) The interim findings of the independent review are publicly available on the Transport for NSW website. The NSW Government will provide information about the final report in due course.

Question no: 16

16. In relation to manufacturing of trains, buses and ferries:

(a) What is the NSW Government's local content target?

(b) What is the NSW Government's tender weightings?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) The NSW Government has committed to introducing a minimum 50 per cent local content target for rolling stock contracts by 2027.

(b) Under the NSW Procurement Policy Framework, the current weighting for Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) participation and local content is up to 20 per cent for goods and services contracts valued \$3 million or over. Bidders for these contracts are required to provide a SME and Local Participation Plan referencing SME and NSW specific content.

The NSW Government has committed to increasing the local content tender weighting to 30 per cent.

Question no: 17

17. In relation to active transport in NSW:

(a) What steps is the Government taking to increase the number of students and parents either walking or riding to school?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information about the Get NSW Active program is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 18

18. In relation to train signallers:

(a) How many are employed?

(b) How many vacancies are there?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) As at 7 November 2023, there are 288 Signaller and Area Controller establishment positions and 36 trainee signallers at different stages of training.

(b) Currently, five per cent of signaller establishment positions are vacant.

Question no: 19

19. Are there criteria for declaring a 'fare-free travel day' on NSW public transport?

(a) If so, what is the criteria?

(b) If so, who is the decision maker?

Answer:

I am advised:

There is no current criteria.

Question no: 20

20. In relation to the answer to the Question on Notice 263 regarding the Rail Repair Plan:

(a) Of the 1,900 high priority defects identified, how many have been repaired since 3 June 2023?

(b) Of the 3,700 repair, upgrades, and refurbishments identified, how many have been completed since 3 June 2023?

(c) Of the 450km rail repairs, including grinding and electrical inspections, how many have been completed since 3 June 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) As at 7 November 2023, 1,400 (73 per cent) out of 1,916 identified high-priority defects have been repaired.

(b) As at 7 November 2023, 8.23 kilometres and 947 identified repairs, upgrades and refurbishments have been completed, including:

- 29 track circuits upgraded
- 1.8 kilometres air line hose upgraded
- 450 trainstop rams refurbished
- 449 spark gaps upgraded
- 6.43 kilometres rerailing completed
- 19 point condition monitoring devices installed.

(c) As at 7 November 2023, 194.1 kilometres (43.3 per cent) out of an additional 448 kilometres (additional to existing planned works) of rail repairs have been completed, including:

- 26.3 kilometres (additional to 478 kilometres existing planned works) of rail grinding of plain track delivered
- 131.5 kilometres (additional to 95 kilometres existing planned works) of rail resurfacing of plain track delivered
- 36.3 kilometres of hands-on electrical inspections.

Question no: 21

21. In relation to each vessel listed below, how many trips have completed the journey since 7 June 2023:

(a) Trips that began at Manly and finished at Circular Quay?

(b) Trips that began at Circular Quay and finished at Manly?

i. Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

ii. Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

iii. Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

iv. Catherine Hamlin Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

v. Fred Hollows Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

vi. Victor Chang Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

vii. Pemulwuy Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

viii. Bungaree Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

ix. May Gibbs Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

Answer:

I am advised:

The number of trips completed between Manly and Circular Quay between 7 June 2023 to 7 November 2023 are as follows:

i. For the Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry

a. 2,133 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 2,138 between Circular Quay and Manly

ii. For the Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry

a. 1,898 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 1,898 between Circular Quay and Manly

iii. For the Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry

a. 1,936 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 1,928 between Circular Quay and Manly

iv. For the Catherine Hamlin Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry

a. 937 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 937 between Circular Quay and Manly

v. For the Fred Hollows Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry

a. 114 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 114 between Circular Quay and Manly

vi. For the Victor Chang Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry

a. 184 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 184 between Circular Quay and Manly

vii. For the Pemulwuy Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry

a. 117 between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 117 between Circular Quay and Manly

- viii. For the Bungaree Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry
 - a. 53 between Manly and Circular Quay
 - b. 53 between Circular Quay and Manly
- ix. For the May Gibbs Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry
 - a. 314 between Manly and Circular Quay
 - b. 311 between Circular Quay and Manly

Question no: 22

22. Given the Commonwealth Government's \$110 million upgrade to a new international terminal at Newcastle Airport:
(a) What steps are the Labor Government taking to ensure adequate transport infrastructure between Newcastle Airport and the Newcastle CBD?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has developed a corridor plan for the Nelson Bay Road corridor which identifies staged upgrades to the corridor to provide better connectivity between Newcastle and Nelson Bay, including Newcastle Airport.

Information about the Nelson Bay Road corridor is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 23

23. What distance has been travelled by the following ferries since entering service, broken down by financial year:

- (a) Alexander
- (b) Balmoral
- (c) Borrowdale
- (d) Bungaree
- (e) Catherine Hamlin
- (f) Charlotte
- (g) Cheryl Salisbury
- (h) Clontarf
- (i) Collaroy
- (j) Dawn Fraser
- (k) Esme Timbery
- (l) Ethel Turner
- (m) Evonne Goolagong
- (n) Fairlight
- (o) Fishburn
- (p) Fred Hollows
- (q) Freshwater
- (r) Friendship
- (s) Golden Grove
- (t) Kurt Fearnley
- (u) Lauren Jackson
- (v) Liz Ellis

- (w) Louise Sauvage
- (x) Margaret Olley
- (y) Marjorie Jackson
- (z) Marlene Mathews
- (aa) Mary Reibey
- (bb) May Gibbs
- (cc) Me-Mel
- (dd) Narrabeen
- (ee) Nicole Livingstone
- (ff) Olive Cotton
- (gg) Pam Burrige
- (hh) Pemulwuy
- (ii) Queenscliff
- (jj) Ruby Langford
- (kk) Ruth Park
- (ll) Scarborough
- (mm) Shane Gould
- (nn) Sirius
- (oo) SuperCat 4
- (pp) Supply
- (qq) Victor Chang
- (rr) Violet Mckenzie

Answer:

I am advised:

23. (a) to (rr)

Vessel name	Total kilometres travelled			
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Alexander	23,887	42,479	31,685	13,815
Anne Sargeant	14,150	15,411	729	-
Balmoral	-	55,638	84,850	38,654
Betty Cuthbert	27,177	36,390	24,998	-
Borrowdale	16,470	31,986	22,966	10,616
Bungaree	39,630	45,922	59,279	15,874
Catherine Hamlin	34,999	64,094	66,978	27,100
Charlotte	17,823	5,746	36,304	13,148
Cheryl Salisbury	-	9,822	33,422	11,814
Clontarf	-	44,658	85,939	33,107
Collaroy	38,037	18,846	19,281	5,860
Dawn Fraser	10,438	42,221	35,380	15,042
Esme Timbery	-	3,448	27,180	11,059
Ethel Turner	-	7,873	31,285	11,916
Evonne Goolagong	20,563	43,855	42,367	18,625
Fairlight	-	44,737	81,426	33,049
Fishburn	22,109	39,111	40,316	14,705
Fred Hollows	33,337	66,745	62,146	16,391
Freshwater	17,646	24,080	25,069	5,002
Friendship	13,346	40,728	31,852	13,703
Golden Grove	25,588	43,929	32,480	13,848

Kurt Fearnley	-	11,504	35,267	10,644
Lauren Jackson	-	7,048	25,093	13,965
Liz Ellis	-	9,630	32,930	13,438
Louise Sauvage	8,958	10,250	14,280	9,474
Margaret Olley	-	6,352	36,627	9,603
Marjorie Jackson	27,741	40,989	40,930	10,255
Marlene Mathews	26,254	45,716	35,035	17,524
Mary Reibey	21,085	11,302	5,553	301
May Gibbs	38,661	73,830	61,676	16,705
Me-mel	-	1,271	2,707	7,546
Narrabeen	34,092	-	-	-
Nicole Livingstone	24,374	39,223	41,668	15,484
Olive Cotton	4	461	23,787	12,828
Pam Burridge	14,720	11,216	17,311	963
Pemulwuy	50,573	84,167	76,090	24,667
Queenscliff	43,338	9,568	-	-
Ruby Langford	-	7,226	29,886	9,138
Ruth Park	-	18,101	33,634	12,948
Saint Mary Mackillop	11,577	6,112	-	-
Scarborough	5,271	30,688	27,959	14,303
Shane Gould	29,274	37,251	45,992	11,656
Sirius	20,401	32,529	34,010	6,193
Supercat 4	7,457	20,845	32,239	3,791
Supply	23,366	23,746	15,859	13,160
Susie O'neill	10,583	12,412	-	-
Victor Chang	40,548	74,439	62,918	20,004
Violet McKenzie	2,064	6,563	471	319

Question no: 24

24. In relation to Marine Diesel Oil used by most of Sydney Ferries Fleet:
- Where does the Transport for NSW buy the Marine Diesel Oil from?
 - Since 28 March 2023, what is the average price that the NSW Government pays for Marine Diesel Oil?
 - Are there any alternatives sources that can be used by Sydney's Ferries Fleet?

Answer:

I am advised:

- Transdev Sydney Ferries procure fuel from Viva Energy. This includes delivery to the Balmain Shipyard as well as direct fuelling of vessels at White Bay.
- Transdev Sydney Ferries advises the approximate average rate of fuel is \$1.90/litre.
- Transdev Sydney Ferries advises all vessels with Scania engines do have capability to operate with 20 per cent biofuel, however there is no delivery facility in Sydney at this time.

Question no: 25

25. In relation to Transport for NSW fees and charges:
(a) By how much on average do they increase per year?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW fees and charges generally increase in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Question no: 26

26. What processes does Transport for NSW have in place to ensure that all tenders for the procurement of major infrastructure projects are:
(a) Competitive?
(b) Transparent?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's personnel and contracting entities are required to comply with all NSW Government requirements related to value for money, policies and regulations.

Transport for NSW employs a wide range of Transport-specific schemes to ensure value for money is being delivered through suppliers and their sub-contractors. These methods include:

- National Prequalification System for Civil (Road and Bridge) Construction with specialised categories for Concrete Paving (Machine Placed), Asphalt Paving (Machine Placed), Pretensioned Concrete, Steel Fabrication, and Protective Treatment (Field), Traffic Signals
- Registration Scheme for Construction Industry Contractors for smaller construction contractors and some professional services
- Technical Services Registration Scheme for professional services
- Technically Assured Organisations for rail-related professional and construction services.

Procurements carried out under Transport specific or whole of Government panels or pre-qualification schemes must comply with the minimum levels of competition specified in the relevant scheme or panel rules. Some specific NSW Government policies may also specify competition requirements in relation to particular procurements, for example, in relation to Aboriginal owned business or in respect of small and medium enterprises. For procurement for major infrastructure projects which do not fall into any of these categories, Transport for NSW's accredited procurement schemes provides requirements for competition based on estimated contract value.

Under the NSW Procurement Board's Accreditation Program for Construction Procurement, accredited agencies are responsible for establishing and managing internal procurement systems and governance mechanisms, in compliance with NSW Procurement Board directions and policies.

The governance and processes included with the accreditation systems for construction services are underpinned by the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework. The processes include compliance with the contract disclosure and open access information requirements of the GIPA Act and provide direction on Transport for NSW's Code of Conduct, and Conflicts of Interest Policy to guide individuals involved in procurement activities on ethical behaviour, ensuring impartiality, accountability and transparency.

Question no: 27

27. How do NSW Train Link and rail infrastructure maintainers plan to minimise the effects of trackwork and drive improved network performance for its customers?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink are implementing measures to reduce the impact of both planned and unplanned trackwork. This includes:

- initiatives to schedule access out of timetabled service hours, where it is safe and efficient to do so.
- adopting new innovative technologies, to enhance safety and operational efficiency.

These measures aim to streamline maintenance and repair processes, support trackworker safety, and schedule less disruptive access into the planned train timetable.

NSW TrainLink is also working with rail infrastructure maintainers including Sydney Trains, Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Country Regional Network to minimise the effects of planned and unplanned trackwork and drive improved network performance outcomes for its customers.

There are multiple programs, projects and works in place across Sydney Trains to improve network performance, most notably the Rail Repair Plan.

Question no: 28

28. In relation to the Bus Industry Taskforce:

(a) What is the total budget and expenditure of the Taskforce?

(b) How many meetings have you had with Mr John Lee since he was appointed Chair of the Taskforce?

i. When Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains have finished developing a strategy for the future train fleet including the replacement of the Tangara trains, will the strategy be made public?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) I refer you to the response to LC 514.

(b) Details of Ministers' meetings are made publicly available via the Ministers' diary disclosure site.

i. Yes.

Question no: 29

29 In relation to the three Metro lines currently under construction, on 8 June 2023, you told the House that you would "have more to say on these projects in time."
(a) What is your current position on these projects?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

Question no: 30

30. What is the status of a business case to upgrade the Sydney Trains Digital Train Radio System?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 31

31. Regarding the McNaughton Report, can the Minister advise:
(a) When is the Government going to release the report?
(b) What is your position on high-speed rail?
(c) When was your last written correspondence with the Federal Government regarding high-speed rail?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a)

(a) The Fast Rail Strategy, completed in 2020, outlined the staged delivery of a future fast rail network for NSW. This Strategy was not publicly released and the former NSW Government declined to release the Strategy to the new NSW Government.

(b) Planning for high-speed rail has shifted from a state to federal level. This is reflective of the transformative impact of this nation building initiative. The Australian Government's High Speed Rail Authority is now leading the planning and development of a high-speed rail network along Australia's eastern seaboard to connect Queensland and Victoria. The Australian Government committed \$500 million to progress work along the Sydney to Newcastle section which is the fastest growing region of the east coast. Transport for NSW will continue to work with the High Speed Rail Authority on early planning, and will share previously completed work, collaborate on key activities and provide a central point of contact across the NSW Government.

(c) Engagement with the Australian Government will continue as planning for the Sydney to Newcastle section is progressed.

Question no: 32

32 Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times has she met with officials or members of any union affiliated with Unions NSW?

Answer:

I am advised:

In line with M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, Ministers' diaries are published quarterly on the NSW Government Website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures/2023>

Question no: 33

33. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times she has met with officials or members of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union?

Answer:

I am advised:

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Question no: 34

34. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times has she met with officials or members of the Transport Workers Union?

Answer:

I am advised:

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Question no: 35

35. Can the Minister advise, how many times she has met with her Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer:

I am advised:

I regularly meet and/or speak with my Parliamentary Secretary.

Question no: 36

36. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times has she met with officials or members of the Maritime Union of Australia?

Answer:

I am advised:

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Question no: 37

37. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times has she met with officials or members of the Australian Services Union?

Answer:

I am advised:

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Question no: 38

38. Can the Minister advise how many times she has met with the Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

I regularly meet and/or speak with departmental officials.

Question no: 39

39. Can the Minister please advise for each week since June 9 2023:

(a) What percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the following train lines:

i. The Inner West line?

ii. The Leppington line?

iii. The Illawarra line?

(b) What percentage of peak train services arrived within six minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the South Coast line?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 40

40. Can the Minister advise whether the Government will restore direct trains to the City Circle via Lidcombe to all stations west of Bankstown?

Answer:

I am advised:

For stations west of Bankstown, rail services currently operating between Liverpool and the City Circle via Bankstown will instead run to the Sydney CBD via Regents Park and Lidcombe.

A rail service will also operate between Lidcombe and Bankstown, with Regents Park to be the main interchange point for passengers travelling to Bankstown, Liverpool and the Sydney CBD.

Following community consultation in 2020, these changes, which offer a direct connection (via Lidcombe) to and from the city for the vast majority of west of Bankstown stations, were identified by Transport for NSW as the preferred option that would deliver the best overall outcome for passengers.

For passengers travelling to/from Yagoona and Birrong, an interchange at Regents Park or Lidcombe or an interchange at Bankstown onto the metro will be required to access the City.

Question no: 41

41. Can the Minister advise what the Government's position is on the 2019 Upper House Inquiry into the Sydenham-Bankstown Line conversion?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Government's position on the Sydenham-Bankstown Line conversion is publicly available.

Question no: 42

42. Can the Minister please provide an update on the progress of Sydney Trains' large-scale maintenance program which began on 3 June 2023, including:

- (a) The number of high priority defects repaired?
- (b) The number of repairs, upgrades, and refurbishments?
- (c) The average number of worksites every weekend?
- (d) The kms of rail repair, such as grinding, and electrical inspections?
- (e) Whether the program is on track to deliver all the maintenance works identified by the end of its one-year timeframe?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) As at 7 November 2023, 1,400 out of 1,916 identified high-priority defects have been repaired.
- (b) As at 7 November 2023, 8.23 kilometres and 947 identified repairs, upgrades and refurbishments have been completed,
- (c) During the weekends between the period of 3 June and 7 November 2023, there was an average of 139.4 worksites per weekend.
- (d) As at 7 November 2023, 194.1 kilometres out of an additional 448 kilometres of rail repairs have been completed.
- (e) As at 7 November 2023, the Rail Repair Plan program is on track to deliver all the maintenance works identified by 30 June 2024, with the exception of Track Circuit upgrades.

Question no: 43

43. Can the Minister please advise what the Government's plan is to improve punctuality rates for Sydney Trains peak services?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains has a number of programs, projects and initiatives in place to target punctuality.

There are over 20 active programs designed to increase fleet punctuality by improving maintenance effectiveness, system design and expedited operational response. These programs will directly improve fleet punctuality by addressing the root cause of in-service incidents.

There are 15 infrastructure reliability initiatives across Signalling, Electrical, Track and Condition Monitoring Infrastructure. Each of these initiatives target key asset failure modes in critical locations to improve reliability and performance. This, combined with the Rail Repair Plan defect and backlog removal, will increase the reliability of the infrastructure network.

Question no: 44

44. Can the Minister advise whether the findings from the Opal+ trial will be made public?
(a) If so, when?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is utilising the findings of the trial to inform improvements for trip planning and the Opal Next Generation Ticketing Program.

Question no: 45

45. Can the Minister please advise how many issues have occurred on each of the following vessels since 14 June 2023 that have required that the vessel be withdrawn from service:

(a) Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

i. At what date and time did these incidents occur?

ii. On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?

(b) Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

i. At what date and time did these incidents occur?

ii. On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?

(c) Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

i. At what date and time did these incidents occur?

ii. On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?

Answer:

I am advised:

Repairs have been carried out on a number of vessels since 14 June 2023 to ensure safe and reliable services are provided for passengers who use the Sydney ferry network.

Question no: 46

46. Can the Minister advise what measures are being considered by NSW Train Link and rail infrastructure maintainers including Sydney Trains, Australian Rail Track Corporation and Country Rail Network to minimise the effects of planned and unplanned trackwork and drive improved network performance outcomes for its customers?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 27.

Question no: 47

47. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a Transport Plan that includes:

(a) Support and creation of jobs and capabilities in the industry?

(b) All rolling stock, both public transport and freight made in Australia?

(c) Targeted support for New South Wales industry which emphasises the skill development of the workforce and promotes collective capability across the industry?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Minns Labor Government was elected with a mandate to prioritise local content and back New South Wales jobs by setting local content targets, increasing tender weightings, and setting up the NSW Jobs First Commission to back manufacturers in the state.

The NSW Government has not operated freight services on rail since 2002.

Rolling stock procurement for rail freight is undertaken by private operators.

Question no: 48

48. Can the Minister provide an update on the Government's plan to reverse privatisation / re-nationalise bus services in NSW?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has established a Bus Industry Taskforce (the Taskforce) to make recommendations to improve the reliability, quality and effectiveness of bus services across NSW. This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 49

49. Can the Minister provide an update on the procurement process for the next set of trains to replace the ageing Tangara fleet?

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of the Future Fleet program, the 55 eight-car Tangara trains, which entered service in the mid-eighties, will be replaced.

Project development for the Future Fleet program is underway, ahead of a business case being prepared. Commencement of the procurement process is expected to occur by 2027, with the new trains planned to enter service in the early 2030s.

Question no: 50

50. Can the Minister advise what are the Government's targets for the transition of all public transport buses from internal combustion engines towards electric/hydrogen vehicles?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 51

51. Can the Minister please provide an update on the new dedicated fund for upgrading train stations?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information about the funding of the More Accessible, Safe and Secure Train Stations program is publicly available in the 2023-24 NSW Budget.

Question no: 52

52. Can the Minister advise what processes of community consultation are currently being undertaken by Transport for NSW for projects around the state?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 53

53. Can the Minister provide an update on the High-Speed Rail Authority's planning and development of a high-speed rail network along Australia's eastern seaboard, including work to secure corridors and commence early works for a Sydney to Newcastle section of this network?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Australian Government's High Speed Rail Authority is leading the planning and development of a high-speed rail network along Australia's eastern seaboard to connect Queensland and Victorian.

Transport for NSW will continue to work with the High Speed Rail Authority on early planning, and will share previously completed work, collaborate on key activities and provide a central point of contact across the NSW Government.

Question no: 54

54. Can the Minister provide an update on the Mobile Phone Charging Test and Trial?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has completed extensive consultation with station staff and passengers to design a fit for purpose prototype which will be installed at two initial locations of Campbelltown and Liverpool Stations.

These locations are currently scheduled to be ready for use by the end of 2023.

Question no: 55

55. In relation to the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project:

(a) Can the Minister provide an update on the latest planning and development progress for the project?

(b) Is construction of the enabling works on track to begin in 2024?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information on the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project is publicly available on the project website.

Question no: 56

56. Can the Minister advise whether she believes it is important to double the number of active transport trips over the next 20 years?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Transport for NSW Active Transport Strategy sets out the vision for walking, cycling and personal mobility, and provides a plan to guide investment and priority actions for active travel across NSW.

Walking and bike riding are the most sustainable forms of transport, contributing to great places, cleaner local environments, healthier lifestyles, and economic benefits to local neighbourhoods.

By encouraging more people to choose walking or bike riding for everyday journeys, we can improve neighbourhoods and the environment, reduce car use and traffic congestion, support local economies, and improve the health of people and communities.

Question no: 57

57. Can the Minister advise whether the Government is continuing the Future Transport Strategy released by the previous Government in September 2022?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently developing Transport Network Plans to support the Government's priorities, including how Transport will support urgent housing priorities. Strategies and plans are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new data, trends and Government priorities.

Question no: 58

58. Broken down by month, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) How many walking trips are taken per year across NSW?
- (b) How many bicycle trips are taken per year across NSW?
- (c) How many e-bike trips are taken per year across NSW?
- (d) How many e-scooter trips are taken per year across NSW?

Answer:

I am advised:

As reported in the Transport for NSW Active Transport Strategy, an estimated 1.5 billion walking and cycling trips are taken annually across NSW.

A methodology is being developed to estimate walking and cycling distance travelled to enable the reporting of month-to-month trends. Travel by e-bike will be included as part of the cycling travel measures.

Since the launch of the first E-scooters shared scheme trial in December 2022, more than 78,000 trips have been completed across the three trial sites (Lake Macquarie, Armidale and Wollongong).

Question no: 59

59. Can the Minister advise of her position on e-bikes and e-scooters?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government recognises that NSW falls behind many other Australian jurisdictions and international cities when it comes to the use of micro mobility devices. In many locations they offer a safe, affordable and dependable way to move around.

Currently in NSW personal mobility devices including e-scooters and e-skateboards are prohibited for use except on private property. Shared e-scooters are only permitted for use in designated e-scooter trial areas. The current legislation is not well known and confusing to consumers.

The NSW Government is working to enable the use of micro mobility devices in a way that is sensible and safe.

Question no: 60

60. Broken down by year, can the Minister advise of the change in e-bike ownership in NSW over the last 10 years?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has not tracked e-bike and e-scooter ownership over the last 10 years. However sales of e-bikes have more than tripled between 2020 and 2022, according to the WeRide Australian Cycling Economy 2023 Report which includes the following information on e-bike sales:

- 2020: 54,157 e-bicycles sold (3.2 per cent of 1,696,000 total bicycles sold).
- 2022: 193,061 e-bicycles sold (12.5 per cent of 1,550,000 total bicycles sold).

The National Walking and Cycling Participation Survey includes the following information on e-bike ownership per household:

- 2023 = 4 per cent of households have at least one e-bike.

Question no: 61

61. Broken down by year, can the Minister advise of the change in e-scooter ownership in NSW over the last 5 years?

Answer:

I am advised:

The National Walking and Cycling Participation Survey includes the following information on the percent of the NSW population who ride an “e-rideable” (e-scooter, e-skateboard) in a typical week.

- 2021 = 1.2 per cent
- 2023 = 1.7 per cent.

Question no: 62

62. Can the Minister please provide an update on the e-scooter shared scheme trial?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is enabling trials of shared e-scooters at selected locations across NSW in response to the growing popularity of e-scooters and the need to manage their use safely. Trial locations have been nominated by NSW councils.

The e-scooter shared scheme trial is currently underway at three locations - Lake Macquarie (launched 5 December 2022), Armidale (launched 7 September 2023), and Wollongong (launched 29 September 2023). Further trial sites are expected to launch soon as part of the e-scooter shared scheme trial, and will be announced in due course.

All three e-scooter shared scheme trials have been positively received by the community.

Question no: 63

63. Can the Minister please provide an update on the trialling of Neighbourhood Deals?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investigating how Neighbourhood Deals can bring together local community, businesses, and councils to work together to improve a place, such as filling in missing cycleway links, removing barriers for walking routes, or improving shading along key active transport corridors.

Question no: 64

64. Broken down by year and Council, can the Minister please advise how many kilometres of new strategic cycleway have been delivered over the last 5 years?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 65

65. Can the Minister please provide an update on the investigation into reusing non-operational assets to support the visitor economy through initiatives such as rail trails?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 66

66. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Safer Cities Program?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information about the Safer Cities Program is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/cities-and-active-transport/cities-revitalisation-and-place/festival-of-place-0>).

Question no: 67

67. Can the Minister please provide an update on the proposed Active Travel to School Program?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 68

68. Can the Minister please advise whether she supports the accelerated delivery of active transport projects?
(a) If so, through what methods?

Answer:

I am advised:

Walking and bike riding contribute to great places, cleaner local environments, healthier lifestyles, and providing economic benefits to local neighbourhoods.

By encouraging more people to choose walking or bike riding for everyday journeys, we will improve neighbourhoods and the environment, reduce car use and traffic congestion, support busy local economies, and improve the general health of our communities. The accelerated or early delivery of projects allows these benefits to be realised sooner.

Viability of accelerated delivery of projects needs to be assessed on a case-by-case basis to understand risks and benefits of acceleration. This accelerated delivery still requires rigorous planning and consultation to ensure infrastructure and delivery is appropriate.

Question no: 69

69. Can the Minister please advise what methodologies and technologies are currently used to capture walking, riding, and driving data and movement patterns?

Answer:

I am advised:

Walking and cycling counts are captured at locations across NSW using a variety of sensor technology such as piezo, loop, tube and smart camera sensors.

Question no: 70

70. Can the Minister please advise in 2023, what estimated benefits are derived by per kilometre travelled by an individual by:

- (a) Walking?
- (b) Cycling?
- (c) E-bike?
- (d) E-scooter?

Answer:

I am advised:

The coefficients used by Transport for NSW for the economic benefits for a mode shift from driving to active transport are \$5.44 per km for walking and \$3.32 per km for cycling. For a mode shift from public transport, the benefits are lower, and for new active transport trips, the "rule of half" is applied such that benefits are half that for a mode shift from driving. There are currently no evidence-based coefficients to quantify benefits per kilometre for e-bike or e-scooter use for 2023 for NSW.

Further benefits of Active Transport include reducing congestion and emissions, improved mental and physical health, activation of places and local economies, and the provision of more options and enjoyment for people travelling.

Question no: 71

71. Can the Minister advise, broken down by year since 2019 the percentage of school students travel to school via active transport?

Answer:

I am advised:

Based on the Household Travel Survey conducted across the Sydney Greater Capital City Statistical Area, the percentage of journeys made by School Students using active transport for the purpose of education was 22 per cent in 2019/20, increasing to 25 per cent in 2021/22. Due to sample sizes a breakdown to walking and cycling individually is not possible.

Question no: 72

72. Can the Minister please provide an update on engagement with Local Aboriginal Land Councils to develop appropriate visual acknowledgments of Country along walking and cycling routes?

Answer:

I am advised:

Local Aboriginal Land Councils are one of a number of key Aboriginal stakeholders who are consulted whenever Aboriginal language or visual acknowledgement of country is proposed on active transport routes. Transport for NSW has developed a Signposting Country Technical Manual to provide guidance for sign usage using Aboriginal language to recognise country and places along roads and places.

Question no: 73

73. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of Strategic Cycleway Corridors for each of the six cities?

Answer:

I am advised:

A strategic cycleway corridor network map for Eastern Harbour City in Greater Sydney was released in April 2022. Strategic Cycleway Corridors network maps were also released for Central River City and Western Parkland City in February 2023. Additional Strategic Cycleway Corridor network maps for Illawarra-Shoalhaven, Central Coast and Lower Hunter-Greater Newcastle are expected to be released in 2024. These networks are already partially complete, with existing cycleways identified along many of the network corridors during the planning process.

Further planning and development work is already underway to define, prioritise and progress projects that fill gaps in these networks.

Question no: 74

74. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Regional and Outer Metropolitan Cycling and Micromobility Plan?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to progress work on a Regional and Outer Metropolitan Cycling and Micromobility Plan.

Question no: 75

75. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of a new Older Persons Transport and Mobility Action Plan?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is a participating agency in the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021-2031 and contributes to six specific actions under the associated Action Plan 2023-2024:

- Deliver safe, inclusive and accessible integrated transport infrastructure across NSW
- Shape accessible environments that foster safe walking and cycling
- Provide subsidised transport schemes for eligible older people
- Provide comfortable, reliable and efficient journeys through accessible fleets
- Monitor and enhance road safety and mobility for older road users
- Monitor and enhance boating safety and mobility for older waterway users.

Transport for NSW is in the process of updating its Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and recent consultation has indicated that challenges and potential solutions to improve access to the public transport system would also apply to older people who experience disability or mobility challenges.

The new Transport for NSW DIAP is expected to be completed in early 2024 and will inform the next steps of the Older Persons Transport and Mobility Action Plan.

Question no: 76

76. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan for Transport?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to Supplementary Question 75.

Question no: 77

77. In relation to signalised intersections:

(a) Can the Minister please advise how many signalised intersection upgrades have been implemented since July 2022 to include missing crossings for pedestrians and bike riders?

(b) How many additional intersections have been identified for upgrades to include missing crossings for pedestrians and bike riders?

i. What is the timeline for these upgrades?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Around 100 signalised intersection upgrades have been implemented since July 2022, including pedestrian protection and/or missing pedestrian crossings and/or cycle facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

(b) Around 370 signalised intersection upgrades are in the pipeline for pedestrian protection and/or missing pedestrian crossings and/or cycle facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

i. There is currently no timeline for delivery for the upgrades.

Question no: 78

78. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of a public education campaign focused on safety and reducing harassment in precincts and main streets to complement the infrastructure improvements to help educate and change behaviour?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is developing a campaign to raise awareness and change attitudes on the issue of street harassment of women and girls in public spaces. This is due to be in market in Q1 2024.

Question no: 79

79. Can the Minister please provide an update on the collaboration between Transport for NSW and the Department of Education to:

- (a) Ensure safe walking and cycle training is available in schools on an ongoing basis?
- (b) Provide more and better active transport end-of-trip facilities in schools and educational institutions?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Transport for NSW is currently consulting with the NSW Department on Education on opportunities to collaborate on future initiatives which will enable more children to walk and cycle to school.

(b) Transport for NSW is carrying out research and consulting with experts and stakeholders to understand travel patterns and factors which influence how parents/carers and children travel to/from school. This includes surveys, workshops and focus groups with parents/carers, experts, and stakeholders.

The findings of the research will inform future active travel to school initiatives.

Question no: 80

80. Can the Minister please provide an update on the collaboration between Transport for NSW and NSW Police to optimise enforcement activities and operations to deter unsafe behaviours across the road and waterway networks, including driver awareness of walking and cycling road rules?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Maritime Enhanced Enforcement Program partnership between Transport for NSW and the NSW Police Marine Area Command allows Transport for NSW to counter targeted non-compliance and unsafe behaviour that contribute towards trauma on NSW waterways through the visible presence and enforcement of NSW Police. The program delivers enhanced enforcement operations beyond the capability of Transport for NSW.

Planning and delivery of operational activity is determined by NSW Police in collaboration with Transport for NSW through pre-deployment meetings during the summer period to ensure strategic deployment of resources and activities.

Road safety is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 81

81. Can the Minister please advise what five-year customer behaviour strategies have been developed by Transport for NSW across targeted precincts?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW uses a range of initiatives which target customer behaviour such as advertising, media, community engagement, stakeholder communications and engagement, and partnerships.

Transport for NSW also regularly carries out research to better understand customer behaviour.

Question no: 82

82. Can the Minister please provide an update on the investigation of opportunities for workplace initiatives, incentives, and interventions to promote active travel to work?

Answer:

I am advised:

Previous Active Transport marketing campaigns have included messaging to promote walking and cycling for short trips, which included the promotion of active travel to work.

Campaigns to promote active transport have appeared in outdoor and transit media, digital and social media, radio, transit media (bus shelters near key cycleways). The campaign included the development of an Active Transport toolkit which was designed to support organisations, including local councils, community groups and other stakeholders, with creating compelling, effective and consistent communications which encourage more people in Greater Sydney to participate in active transport (walking and cycling).

Question no: 83

83. Can the Minister please advise of what measures are being considered to increase the reach and effectiveness of the Active Transport Community of Practice?

Answer:

I am advised:

A number of initiatives have been introduced across the past four months which have seen a 15 per cent increase in the number of subscribers. These new initiatives include

increasing the number and frequency of external speakers, developing a presentation theme for each meeting, prompting members to present project case studies, and regularly asking members what topics they would like to see discussed at future meetings.

Subscribers and attendees are now encouraged to refer colleagues and other active transport practitioners to join the Community of Practice. Given the success of these initiatives, they will continue to be used to increase the subscriber base in 2024.

Transport for NSW will also be promoting the Community of Practice in the monthly e-newsletter which is sent to all local councils across NSW by the Office of Local Government. At the end of 2023, all subscribers will be emailed a link to complete a survey about the Community of Practice and invited to provide feedback on the presentations delivered in 2023, and what topics they would like to discuss in 2024.

Question no: 84

84. Can the Minister please an update on the simplification of rules for Local Traffic Committees to reduce administration for approval of minor projects for walking and cycling connections?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW recently issued the Traffic Management and Pedestrian Works Temporary Delegation to local councils, which simplifies approval for low risk works that support walking and better streets.

This reduces administrative burden, enabling a more strategic focus for Local Traffic Committees and accelerated project delivery. Transport for NSW is now reviewing the Temporary Delegation, with a view to expanding the delegation to encompass other everyday work, including work for parking management and cycling.

Transport for NSW is also reviewing broader opportunities for reforming Local Traffic Committees and simplifying administration.

Question no: 85

85. Can the Minister please provide an update on whether more decisions are being delegated to councils and Local Aboriginal Land Councils to allow for local decisions in local street environments?

Answer:

I am advised:

Relevant Local Aboriginal Land Councils are consulted on all matters relating to cultural heritage regulations and are invited to provide input into projects as a key stakeholder.

Question no: 86

86. Can the Minister please advise of the progress of an update to the Guide to Traffic Generating Developments?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently developing a new draft Guide to Transport Impact Assessment, with industry consultation expected to be carried out in Q1 2024.

Question no: 87

87. Can the Minister please advise whether the principles of the NSW Public Spaces Charter have been embedded in the planning, design, management, and activation of public spaces?

Answer:

I am advised:

A number of programs delivered by Transport for NSW have been guided by the NSW Public Spaces Charter in the planning, design, management, and activation of public spaces, including Streets as Shared Spaces, Places to Love, Your High Street, Summer Fund, Open Streets, Summer Night Fund, Long Summer Nights, reVITALise and Safer Cities.

Question no: 88

88. Can the Minister please advise of the timeline for a review of the Australian Road Rules to ensure NSW regulation supports safe and connected active transport?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 89

89. Can the Minister please provide an update on the identification, review and amending of regulations that disincentivise walking, cycling and micromobility?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are a number of activities currently being carried out in relation to the identification, review and amendment of regulations which disincentivise walking, cycling and micromobility, including the review of the Road User Space Allocation Policy, review of the Temporary Delegation and reform of Local Traffic Committees as well as the E-scooter shared scheme trials.

Question no: 90

90. Can the Minister please provide an update on the establishment of a micromobility advisory group?

Answer:

I am advised:

For the E-scooter shared scheme trial, an Oversight Panel has been established with membership from across government including Transport for NSW, NSW Police, NSW Health, Office of Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment, Investment NSW and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority.

The Oversight Panel meets monthly and provides advice on matters related to enforcement, safety, regulation, health and the success of the trials and other matters related to micromobility.

Question no: 91

91. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of best practice guides and toolboxes to support the integration of new and emerging micromobility technologies?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to an evidence-based approach to developing policy for e-scooters and other forms of micromobility, including best practice guides and toolboxes.

The E-scooter shared scheme trial is guided by the Key Trial Parameters and Guidelines. To participate in the E-scooter shared scheme trial, Transport for NSW requires local councils and their nominated provider/s to engage a practicing professional registered on the Transport for NSW's Register of Road Safety.

Road safety audits are also carried out on all bicycle paths/lanes, shared paths, and roads which are part of a proposed trial location. Road safety audits must be in line with NSW Centre for Road Safety Guidelines for Road Safety Audit Practices and the Austroads Guide to Road Safety.

Transport for NSW has developed several guidance documents on the design of roads and streets to support walking, bike-riding and other forms of micromobility including the Cycleways Design Toolbox, the NSW Guide to Walkable Public Space, the Walking Space Guide and the Practitioner's Guide to Movement and Place.

Question no: 92

92. Can the Minister please advise whether Transport for NSW has partnered with the Greater Cities Commission and Department of Planning & Environment and stakeholders on Six Cities Region Plan and Future Transport Plans to identify best measure to increase walking and cycling?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has been working with the Greater Cities Commission to provide input into the development of the Six Cities Region Plan, with the aim of embedding walking and cycling into strategic objectives and frameworks.

Question no: 93

93. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW's investigation into alternative funding, financing, and delivery models for active transport projects?

Answer:

I am advised:

Active transport projects are currently delivered through State-delivered projects, State-administered grants, and active transport as a component of State major infrastructure projects.

Transport for NSW is considering investment strategies, cross government collaboration and the best structure to support active transport outcomes.

Question no: 94

94. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Clarendon Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 95

95. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Denistone Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 96

96. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Doonside Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 97

97. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Dubbo Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 98

98. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Erskineville Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 99

99. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Griffith Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 100

100. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Killara Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 101

101. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Moss Vale Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 102

102. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Queanbeyan Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 103

103. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Stanmore Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 104

104. Can the Minister please provide an update on the St Peters Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 105

105. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Tuggerah Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 106

106. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Turrella Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 107

107. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Waitara Station Upgrade?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 108

108. In relation to the Government's election commitment to expand the Transport Access Program, can the Minister please provide an update on:

(a) What stations have been identified as priorities under this program?

(b) What is for forecast capital expenditure for each station upgrade?

(c) When is the delivery contract for the project expected to be awarded?

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of the 2023-24 NSW Budget, \$800.7 million was allocated over four years for the More Accessible, Safe and Secure Train Stations program. This program combines the existing Transport Access Program fund with the Commuter Car Parking Program fund with an additional \$300 million committed at the election.

The combined program will have a renewed focus on delivering upgrades with a precinct focus, to make traveling on the public transport network more convenient. There will also be a renewed focus on stations as community hubs, where passengers can do more than just catch a train. The locations for the program are to be confirmed, thus cost and timeframes are also to be confirmed.

Question no: 109

109. In relation to the Government's commitment to reviewing the operating model of the Transport Asset Holding Entity, can the Minister please provide an update on:

- (a) What actions the Government has taken?
- (b) How many times she has met with TAHE senior executives?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) This information is available on the NSW Government website.
- (b) The Minister has met with TAHE senior executives on a number of occasions.

Question no: 110

110. Can the Minister please provide an update on the review of the F3 Parramatta River route?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently investigating short term opportunities to uplift services on the F3 route. This includes any weekday off-peak and weekend uplift, which would not require any additional vessels to increase service frequency but would improve passenger experience, as well as opportunities across the 2023-24 summer period.

Question no: 111

111. Can the Minister please provide an update on the reopening and restoring of services to the Elliott St Wharf in Balmain?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to investigate the reopening and return of services to Elliott Street wharf at West Balmain.

Question no: 112

112. Can the Minister please advise of her current position on the Oxford Street Cycleway?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Oxford Street East Cycleway project will provide an essential link in Transport for NSW's strategic bike riding vision, connecting the Sydney CBD to suburbs in the east.

Question no: 113

113. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW's investigation into the feasibility of extending the Newcastle Light Rail to the John Hunter Hospital via Broadmeadow?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has previously carried out a strategic business case around extending the Newcastle Light Rail and there are no current plans to carry out further investigations.

Question no: 114

114. Can the Minister please advise how many overseas trips have been approved for Transport for NSW officials since the answer provided to question on notice 323 on 30 June 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Nine.

Question no: 115

115. Can the Minister please provide an update on the implementation of a backup solution for the Digital Train Radio System that replaces wideband radios?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are multiple means of communications as the backup for the Digital Train Radio System (DTRS) when the primary communications system fails under current network rules.

The Without Brakevan (WB) radio back-up solution for all Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink trains has been implemented.

To further improve the effectiveness of the backup communications system, a separate communications platform is proposed as the backup of DTRS which is independent of mobile phone technology and is currently under review.

Question no: 116

116. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Government's plan is for replacing the existing Tangara fleet of trains with Australian made trains?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to introducing a minimum 50 per cent local content target for rolling stock contracts by 2027. The target covers all rolling stock including trains, buses, ferries, and light rail vehicles.

Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains have commenced early industry engagement to support implementation of the target for the Tangara replacements.

Question no: 117

117. Regarding Sydney Trains services, can the Minister please provide an update on:
(a) In what month in 2024 will the Mariyung fleet enter service?
(b) In what month in 2024 will the Mariyung fleet be in service on the South Coast line?
I In what month will the express train between Lidcombe and Central be returned?
(d) In what month will the Illawarra train line gain additional services, and what number of additional services per dal(e) In what month will the South Coast train line gain additional services?
(f) What number of additional services per day?
(g) In what month will the Blue Mountains train line gain additional services?
(h) What number of additional services per day?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Mariyung fleet is expected to enter passenger service on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line in 2024, pending accreditation by the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR). A timeline for deployment and service uplift on the Blue Mountains and South Coast lines is dependent on the train modification program, infrastructure enabling work and crew training processes.

A program of rail timetable improvements will be delivered between 2024 and 2027 to facilitate the introduction of new train fleet, infrastructure improvements and the commencement of Sydney Metro operations. The scope of the timetable changes will be designed and staged to improve service reliability.

Question no: 118

118. Regarding the NSW Gove'nment's commitment to an Illawarra Rail Resilience Plan for the South Coast Line, can the Minister please advise:
(a) What is the scope of the review?
(b) In what month the review will commle?

- (c) What is the timeline of the review?
(d) What is the forecast capital expenditure for the strategic business case in the 2023-24 financial year?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Illawarra Rail Resilience Plan will examine all infrastructure along the South Coast Line and determine options to improve, upgrade, and rebuild sections of the line to enhance the resilience of connections with Port Kembla, South Western Sydney, and the South Coast.

Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans for the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region will be carried out within this term of Government.

Question no: 119

119. Regarding step free access to public transport:

- (a) As of November 2023, what percentage of customer journeys:
i. Begin from accessible train stations and ferry wharf locations?
ii. Start and finish at accessible stations and wharf locations?
(b) When does the Minister anticipate all train stations will be step free?
(c) When does the Minister anticipate all ferry wharfs will be step free?

Answer:

I am advised:

As at the end of October 2023, 94 per cent of all journeys begin from accessible train stations and ferry wharf locations, while 88 per cent of journeys start and finish at accessible train station and ferry wharf locations.

Transport for NSW is continuing to work towards delivering accessibility upgrades across the network.

Question no: 120

120. Can the Minister please provide an update on the initiatives that are being investigated to enable the planning, designing, and procurement of new trains with a significant component that is locally built?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will strengthen how it uses its procurement power to support rebuilding domestic manufacturing and jobs, by introducing a 50 per cent local content target for rolling stock contracts by 2027.

Across the last six months, Transport for NSW has been working closely with the NSW Industry Capability Network and local industry on mapping the rail manufacturing supply chain and assessing capability in NSW. Transport for NSW will continue to engage with

local industry in coming years as it designs, procures, and delivers the Tangara replacements.

Question no: 121

121. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Strategic Infrastructure Review?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

Question no: 122

122. Will the findings of the review be made public?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

Question no: 123

123. Can the Minister please advise for each week since June 9 2023:
(a) What percentage of Sydney Trains' peak services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time?
(b) How many days have Sydney Trains hit their target of having at least 92 per cent of peak services arrive within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time?
(c) What percentage of TrainLink peak intercity services arrived within six minutes of their scheduled arrival time?
(d) On how many days have TrainLink intercity services hit their target of having at least 92 per cent of peak services arrive within six minutes of their scheduled arrival time?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 124

124. Can the Minister advise whether the Ministerial Office saw, edited or changed any language or documents from the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review interim report?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Ministerial office saw an advanced draft of the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review interim report. Edits for the purposes of clarification were proposed.

Question no: 125

125. As at November 2023, where do passenger numbers on Sydney Trains sit each day of the week compared to pre-pandemic levels?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 126

126. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development and implementation of a community consultation strategy for the Metro Southwest project?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Metro has been engaging with community members between Sydenham and Bankstown since 2017 when the Environmental Impact Statement was publicly exhibited. Significant changes were made to the project following community feedback, with the updated project exhibited in 2018 in the Preferred Infrastructure Report.

Together with its construction partners, Sydney Metro undertakes regular engagement with community members, including door knocks, project construction notifications, email updates, information sessions and phone calls.

Throughout construction, residents have access to a 24/7 dedicated Community Place Manager who can answer questions and manage complaints in real time. Sydney Metro will continue to keep the community informed about construction, testing and commissioning activities, and upcoming rail shutdowns.

Question no: 127

127. Can the Minister please outline what collaboration has taken place between the NSW Government and Inner West and Canterbury Councils for the Metro Southwest project?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Metro has been engaging with Inner West Council and City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council since 2017 when the Environmental Impact Statement was publicly exhibited.

Question no: 128

128. What percentage of stations across the Sydney rail network have gaps between a train and platform of 280mm or more?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains does not specifically assess the gap between the platform and the train, but rather checks the offset from design to maintain clearances to ensure trains do not hit the platform. The present platform gap reduction priorities are based on historical incident numbers and consider platform customer numbers and movements on and across the platforms.

Question no: 129

129. Which stations are these, and what is the largest horizontal gap at each?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 128.

Question no: 130

130. What percentage of stations across the TrainLink network have gaps between a train and platform of 280mm or more?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 131

131. Which stations are these, and what is the largest horizontal gap at each?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 132

132. Can the Minister please advise of the number of Fall in the Gap incidents on the Sydney Trains network each month in 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

A total of 377 falls in the gap were recorded on the Sydney Trains network between January and October 2023.

Question no: 133

133. Can the Minister please advise of the number of Fall in the Gap incidents on the NSW TrainLink network each month in 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 134

134. Can the Minister please advise, how does Sydney Trains measure the average wait time for commuters?

Answer:

I am advised:

The average wait time is derived from the tap-on and tap-off times recorded for each individual trip. The times at which passengers tap on and off at their origin and destination are mapped to the actual train timetables to assign each trip to a specific train service. The estimated wait time is then calculated by determining the difference between the tap-on time and the actual departure time of the train, excluding the estimated time required to walk from the gate to the platform.

Question no: 135

135. As at November 2023, can the Minister please advise of the average number of train services broken down by:

- (a) Suburban services across the week?
- (b) Intercity services across the week?
- (c) Suburban services across the weekend?
- (d) Intercity services across the weekend?
- (e) Suburban services in the AM peak one hour?
- (f) Intercity services in the AM peak one hour?
- (g) Suburban services in the PM peak one hour?
- (h) Intercity services in the PM peak one hour?

Answer:

I am advised:

As at November 2023, the average number of train services broken down across the week is as follows:

- a) The total number of suburban services across the week is 14,394
- b) The total number of intercity services across the week is 2,430
- c) The total number of suburban services across the weekend is 4,427
- d) The total number of intercity services across the weekend is 640
- e) The total number of suburban services in the AM peak one hour is 235
- f) The total number of intercity services in the AM peak one hour is 33
- g) The total number of suburban services in the PM peak one hour is 213
- h) The total number of intercity services in the PM peak one hour is 36.

Live timetable information is available at <https://transportnsw.info/routes/train>.

Question no: 136

136. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of Opal Next Gen?

Answer:

I am advised:

In December 2022, Transport for NSW carried out a market-sounding process to help shape the Opal Next Generation procurement strategy.

A Request for Information from industry was then undertaken and closed in August 2023. Transport for NSW is targeting late-2026 to complete the transition to Opal Next Gen and ensure a seamless transition for passengers.

Question no: 137

137. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Environmental Impact Statement for over and adjacent station development at Parramatta Metro station?
(a) Will it be made public?

Answer:

I am advised:

Concept State Significant Development Applications for Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, Hunter Street West and Hunter Street East are currently under assessment by the Department of Planning and Environment following public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statements in 2022 and 2023.

Detailed State Significant Development Applications will be undertaken by appointed delivery partners. Environmental Impact Statements to support these applications will be publicly exhibited for community and stakeholder feedback.

Question no: 138

138. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Environmental Impact Statement for over and adjacent station development at Sydney Olympic Park Metro station?
(a) Will it be made public?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 137.

Question no: 139

139. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Environmental Impact Statement for over and adjacent station development at Hunter Street Station East?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 137.

Question no: 140

140. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Environmental Impact Statement for over and adjacent station development at Hunter Street Station West

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 137.

Question no: 141

141. Can the Minister please advise how many instances of Protected Industrial Action have taken place within the Sydney Trains network since 28 March 2023?

(a) How long did each event last?

Answer:

I am advised:

No industrial action has been taken across the Sydney Trains network since 28 March 2023.

Question no: 142

142. Can the Minister please advise, how many Safety Critical inspections have been missed across the NSW rail network since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Of the 35,600 Safety Critical inspections carried out since 28 March 2023, eight were not completed by their scheduled due date.

Engineering waivers and associated risk controls were appropriately documented and put into place for these eight instances. The outstanding inspections were subsequently carried out within three days from their original due date.

Question no: 143

143. As at November 2023, how many Rail Safety Workers are employed by Sydney Trains?

Answer:

I am advised:

As at November 2023, there are 9,123 Rail Safety Workers employed by Sydney Trains.

Question no: 144

144. As at November 2023, how many Rail Safety Workers are employed by NSW TrainLink?

Answer:

I am advised:

As at November 2023, there are 1,898 Rail Safety Workers currently employed by NSW TrainLink.

Question no: 145

145. In relation to Transport for NSW Grow, Perform, Succeed program, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) How frequently employees are subjected to periodical reviews by Rail Safety coaches or workplace mentors/assessors?
- (b) Which employees must complete and pass an annual 2-part technical competency assessment?
 - i. What percentage of these employees on average pass the assessment?
 - ii. What is the procedure for employees who do not pass the assessment?
- (c) Which employees must attend and pass routine medicals to maintain qualifications?
 - i. What percentage of these employees on average pass the medical assessment?
 - ii. What is the procedure for employees who do not pass the medical assessment?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Rail Safety Coaches undertake Employee Protection Officer recertification assessments every two years. This encompasses around 718 employees who hold this competency in 2023.

(b) Employees who hold a Rail Safety Worker (RSW) role are required to complete annual technical competency assessments.

- i. On average, 99 per cent of these employees pass the assessment.
- ii. Transport for NSW procedure '2.2.2.4.1e Manage Unsatisfactory Course Progress (L3)' provides a clear definition of academic progression and performance, so there can be no misunderstanding as to a learner's roles and responsibilities about their obligations to progression. For first time Not Yet Competent Learners, an action plan is completed to identify any learning gaps and identify whether the learner needs to re-attend the full course or the parts where competence was deficient, or re-engage in the assessment process.

(c) Category 1, 2 and 3 rail safety workers attend rail safety health assessments to maintain their qualifications. Workers assessed as temporarily unfit for their substantive role, but fit for suitable duties, are typically provided with suitable duties until they are assessed fit to resume their substantive role.

Question no: 146

146. How many Sydney Trains' assets have been taken out of service since 28 March 2023?

- (a) What were these assets?

Answer:

I am advised:

Fifty-seven assets have been taken out of service since 28 March 2023.

(a) Assets included buffer stops, guard indicator, signals, sidings, Tangara cars, overhead wiring structure masts, concrete sleeper wagons, forklifts and various substation equipment due to Medlow Bath sectioning hut decommissioning (cables, busbars, feeders, link switches, auxillary services, batteries).

Question no: 147

147. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of the plan for the Sydney Trains Rail Operations Centre?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Progress is well underway on the Rail Operations Centre Improvement Program, which was a key recommendation (Recommendation 6) within the interim report of the independent Rail Review which is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 148

148. Can the Minister please advise what additional recertification and/or Risk Based assessments have been identified for rail safety workers since 14 June 2023?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

No additional requirements have been identified since 14 June 2023.

(a) The cost for any recertifications or risk-based assessments is incorporated within the Sydney Trains training budget.

Question no: 149

149. Broken down by month and train line, can the Minister please advise how many incidents affecting the Sydney Trains network have occurred during peak hour since April 2023?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 150

150. Can the Minister please advise how many metropolitan train services were cancelled in each month between July and October 2023?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains' performance is measured by punctuality and this information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 151

151. Can the Minister please advise on how many occasions since 28 March 2023 has planned work by Sydney Metro been cancelled or limited due to protected industrial action?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

No occasions.

Question no: 152

152. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Narooma Wharf replacement project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 153

153. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Digital Smart Kerbs Penrith trial?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 154

154. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Griffith Integrated Transport Plan?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 155

155. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Tweed Heads boat maintenance facility project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(a) No further funding has been allocated as this project is complete.

Question no: 156

156. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Bermagui Harbour and Channel Dredging project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has scheduled a survey of the Bermagui River and Boat Harbour for December 2023.

(a) Transport for NSW is developing a strategy to secure funding for a long-term state-wide dredging program to improve efficiency, reduce costs and enable more consistent and frequent dredging to be undertaken in the future.

Question no: 157

157. Can the Minister please provide an update on the manning River Entrance project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(a) No further funding has been allocated.

Question no: 158

158. Can the Minister please provide an update on the NSW Boating Access Dredging Program?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(a) Transport for NSW is developing a strategy to secure funding for a long-term state-wide dredging program to improve efficiency, reduce costs and enable more consistent and frequent dredging to be undertaken in the future.

Question no: 159

159. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Active Transport Cycleways CCTV AI trial?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Active Transport Cycleways CCTV AI trial is continuing, with the pilot period expected to be completed in March 2024.

(a) A total of \$1.17 million has been allocated for 2023-24.

Question no: 160

160. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Claremont Meadows project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 161

161. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Digital Smart Kerbs Campbelltown trial?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 162

162. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Transforming Our Rail Network program?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website and in the 2023-24 NSW Budget papers.

Question no: 163

163. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Revesby Commuter Car Park project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 164

164. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Outer Sydney Orbital Stage 2?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 165

165. Can the Minister please provide an update on the remake of the Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Regulation was remade with some amendments as the *Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation 2021*, effective 1 September 2021.

(a) The Regulation will next be due for staged repeal on 1 September 2025 and the timing of that remake, including whether an extension is requested, will be considered closer to the time.

Question no: 166

166. Can the Minister please provide an update on the proposed NSW Freight Community System?

(b) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The proposed Freight Community System is on hold, pending the Government consideration and response to the Independent Review of the Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995 and the Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy.

Question no: 167

167. Can the Minister please provide an update on the pick-up / drop-off bays CCTV trials in the Waverley Council area?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW funded the first phase trials with Waverley Council.

(a) No further funding has been allocated by Transport for NSW.

Question no: 168

168. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Transport for NSW CCTV trials in the Sydney CBD and Newcastle?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Transport for NSW CCTV trials in the Sydney CBD and Newcastle have concluded.

(a) No further funding has been allocated.

Question no: 169

169. Can the Minister please provide an update on the St Mary's station and precinct renewal project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

A metro station at St Marys will be one of six new metro stations delivered as part of the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport project. The St Marys metro station will be located under the existing Sydney Trains suburban rail station at St Marys.

Information around current budget allocation is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 170

170. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Safety After Dark CCTV trial at Wollongong Station?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Safety After Dark trial at Wollongong has concluded, with results from the trial indicating the need for further research. As a result, Transport for NSW has commissioned a research study with iMove, the University of Queensland and University of Wollongong regarding the use of AI to detect incidents on train stations.

(a) No further funding has been allocated.

Question no: 171

171. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Chullora Heritage Hub project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Stage 1 of the Chullora Heritage Hub project is now complete. Transport Heritage NSW's occupancy of the building is expected to commence in Q1 2024.

Question no: 172

172. Can the Minister please provide an update on the 16 Regional Cities Program – Armidale?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 173

173. Can the Minister please provide an update on the South Eveleigh Train Workshop?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) is currently reviewing options for the future use of the South Eveleigh Train Workshop, including an option for potential ongoing heritage use.

Question no: 174

174. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Snug Cove Maritime Precinct project?
(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently exploring options for the development of the Snug Cove Maritime Precinct and will keep the community updated on progress.
(a) A total of \$0.6 million has been allocated for 2023-24.

Question no: 175

175. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Woollooware Bay Aquaculture Precinct project?
(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.
(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 176

176. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Intelligent Congestion Management Program?
(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Intelligent Congestion Management Program was delivered in three stages and completed in mid-2023. Further operationalisation work is being carried out to ensure operational needs are being met.
(a) A total of \$4.498 million has been allocated for 2023-24.

Question no: 177

177. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Automatic Train Protection program?
(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(a) A total of \$3.7 million has been allocated for 2023-24 and a total of \$16.2 million for 2024-25.

Question no: 178

178. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Western Sydney Freight Line – Stages 1 and 2?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is undertaking a Strategic Business Case for the Western Sydney Freight Line and Western Sydney Intermodal Terminal. This business case is jointly funded by the NSW and Australian governments.

(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 179

179. Can the Minister please provide an update on the stations and signalling modifications ahead of the Mariyung Fleet entering service?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Work is currently underway to modify trackside and station infrastructure, which includes modifications to platforms, train stopping markers and signalling equipment to accommodate the changes to the Mariyung operating model, as agreed with the Rail, Tram and Bus Union.

(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 180

180. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct Renewal project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

The budget allocation for projects in the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct is approximately \$140 million over the forward estimates. The phasing of the project will be considered as part of the ongoing review of the new Transport Asset Holding Entity operating model.

Question no: 181

181. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Museum Station Heritage Restoration?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Museum Station Heritage Restoration was a joint project with the City of Sydney, delivered in multiple stages.

Transport for NSW's component of this work was completed during 2019, with the City of Sydney's renewal and refurbishment of the former Hyde Park south kiosk completed in April 2021.

Question no: 182

182. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(a) The Lower Hunter Freight Corridor project has a total budget of \$20.2 million, including \$2 million for 2023-24, \$1 million for 2024-25, \$1 million for 2025-26 and \$16.2 million for 2026-27.

Question no: 183

183. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Inland Rail project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Inland Rail project is 100 per cent funded by the Australian Government and being delivered by the Australian Rail Track Corporation.

Information about the project is publicly available on the Inland Rail website.

Question no: 184

184. Can the Minister please provide an update on the upgrades to existing maintenance and stabling facilities for the Maryung Fleet?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Modifications have been carried out at existing maintenance and stabling facilities at Eveleigh, Gosford, Broadmeadow, Lithgow, Hamilton, Wollongong and Port Kembla to accommodate the Mariyung Fleet. To service and maintain the new fleet, a purpose-built train maintenance facility has been built in Kangy Angy, which became operational in October 2020.

(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 185

185. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Mariyung Maintenance Facility at Kangy Angy?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Major construction of the maintenance facility at Kangy Angy is complete. Additional work is underway within the facility site to enhance the efficiency and capacity of their operations, in line with additional fleet that Transport for NSW procured as part of the More Trains More Services Program.

All capacity and efficiency enhancement works at Kangy Angy are expected to be completed by early 2024.

(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

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Question no: 186

186. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Macquarie Park Bus Priority and Capacity project?

(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Macquarie Park Bus Priority and Capacity Projects are progressing. The Herring Road eastbound bus lanes and new signalised intersection at Ivanhoe Place were opened to traffic on 22 December 2022.

The remaining project to deliver a southbound bus only lane on Waterloo Road, turning right into Lane Cove Road, is under construction and expected to be opened to traffic in late 2024.

(a) Information regarding budget allocations is publicly available in Budget Paper No. 3.

Question no: 187

187. Can the Minister please provide an update on the conservation and heritage works for the Windsor Bridge replacement project?
(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 188

188. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the City Circle line on 13 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

No track work was carried out.

Question no: 189

189. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for November 13-16, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:
(a) The T9 Northern Line?
(b) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Plain track resurfacing, rail grinding, civil work, overhead wiring, and signal and track maintenance.

(b) No track work was carried out.

Question no: 190

190. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line on the 14-17 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

Digital Systems stage work.

Question no: 191

191. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for November 18-19, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:
(a) The T1 Western Line?
(b) The T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line?
(c) The Blue Mountains Line?
(d) The South Coast Line?

- (e) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?
(f) The Southern Highlands Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a)
- 1500V DC Feeder and overhead wiring upgrade at Toongabbie
 - Transport Access Program (TAP) Station Upgrade at Doonside
 - Bridge renewal at Bridge Road at Westmead
 - Turnout refurbishment work at Seven Hills/Blacktown Junction
 - Rerailing at Parramatta and Seven Hills
 - Track reconditioning at Westmead and Blacktown
 - Contact wire renewal at Toongabbie
 - Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
 - Rail and turnout grinding
 - Corridor presentation
- (b)
- More Trains More Services program - Stage 2 work
 - TAP Station Upgrade St Peters and Erskineville Junction
 - Digital Systems Trackside work
 - Corridor presentation
 - Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- (c) No track work was carried out.
- (d)
- Corridor presentation
 - Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- (e)
- Corridor presentation
 - Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- (f)
- Corridor presentation
 - Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

Question no: 192

192. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for November 20-23, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The Metro North West Line?
(b) The T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) Testing ahead of the opening of the new City & Southwest Line.
(b) Digital Systems stage work.

Question no: 193

193. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the Hunter Line on 21-22 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 194

194. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the South Coast Line on 23 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 195

195. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for November 25-26, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The City Circle?
- (b) The T1 Western Line?
- (c) The T2 Inner West & Leppington Line
- (d) The T3 Bankstown Line?
- (e) The T8 Airport & South Line Line?
- (f) The Hunter Line?
- (g) The Southern Highlands Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a)

- Sydney Metro Central stage work.
- Re-sleeper work at Central.
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing.

(b) No track work was carried out.

(c) No track work was carried out.

(d) No track work was carried out.

(e)

- Airport Line Maintenance work
- TAP station upgrade work at Turrella
- Turnout renewal of 501 points at East Hills
- Track reconstruction at East Hills
- Bridge refurbishment at Hartill Law Ave at Bardwell Park
- Track reconditioning at East Hills
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing

- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance

(f) No track work was carried out.

(g) No track work was carried out.

Question no: 196

196. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the T1 Western Line on 27-30 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

- TAP Station Upgrade stage work at Killara and Waitara stations.
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Deck upgrade stage work
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding.
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

Question no: 197

197. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the City Circle Line on 28-30 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

Question no: 198

198. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the T2 Inner West & Leppington Line on 29 November?

Answer:

I am advised:

Plain track resurfacing.

Question no: 199

199. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 2-3, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The Metro North West Line?
- (b) The City Circle?
- (c) The T1 North Shore & Western Line?
- (d) The T8 Airport & South Line Line?
- (e) The South Coast Line?

(f) The Southern Highlands Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Testing ahead of the opening of the new City & Southwest Line.

(b)

- More Trains More Services Stage 2 work.
- Track circuit upgrade works at City Underground stations
- Rerailing at City Outer
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation.

(c)

- TAP Station Upgrade stage work at Waitara, Killara, Roseville and Wollstonecraft stations
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Deck upgrade stage work
- Cutting work at Pymble Station
- Drainage work at Pymble Station
- Overhead modernisation footing and structure construction at Penrith
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation.

(d) No track work was carried out.

(e)

- Dapto Kiama Interlocking upgrade ATRICS control testing
- Level crossing upgrade on Nolan Street at Unanderra Station
- Bridge refurbishment on Belinda Street at Gerringong Station
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation.

(f) No track work was carried out.

Question no: 200

200. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 4-7, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The Metro North West Line?
- (b) The City Circle?
- (c) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Testing ahead of the opening of the new City & Southwest Line.

(b)

- Digital Systems stage work
- Cahill Expressway structural assessment
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation.

(c)

- Plain track resurfacing
- Rail grinding
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation.

Question no: 201

201. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 9-10, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The T8 Airport & South Line?
- (b) The Blue Mountains Line?
- (c) The South Coast Line?
- (d) The Southern Highlands Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a)

- Airport Line maintenance work
- More Trains More Services Stage 2 Commission at Mascot Substation
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

(b)

- Drainage work at Leura Station
- Nepean River, Emu Plains Bridge girder defect work
- Maintenance ballast work at Mt Victoria
- Cutting work at Katoomba, Medlow Bath and Blackheath stations
- Pedestrian bridge upgrade work at Medlow Bath Station
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

(c)

- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

(d) No track work was carried out.

Question no: 202

202. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line on 11-15 December?

Answer:

I am advised:

- Digital Systems stage work
- Airport Line maintenance work
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

Question no: 203

203. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the Metro North West Line on 12-14 December?

Answer:

I am advised:

Testing ahead of the opening of the new City & Southwest Line.

Question no: 204

204. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the Hunter Line on 14 December?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 205

205. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 16-17, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The Metro North West Line?
- (b) The T1 Western Line?
- (c) The T2 Inner West & South Line?
- (d) The T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line?
- (e) The Blue Mountains Line?
- (f) The South Coast Line?
- (g) The Southern Highlands Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Testing ahead of the opening of the new City & Southwest Line.

(b)

- 1500V DC Feeder work at Ashfield and Strathfield stations
- Turnout renewal of 600ABD points at Homebush Station
- Rerailing work at Homebush and Flemington stations
- 33kV ACCB renewal at Flemington Station
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wiring, signal and track maintenance

(c)

- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wiring, signal and track maintenance

(d)

- More Trains More Services Stage 2 works at Illawarra Dives
- Digital Systems Trackside work on Eastern Suburbs Rail Line
- More Trains More Services Stage3A City stage work

(e) No track work occurred.

(f) No track work occurred.

(g) No track work occurred.

Question no: 206

206. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 18-21, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The City Circle Line?
- (b) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation and rail grinding.

Question no: 207

207. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the South Coast Line on 21 December?

Answer:

I am advised:

- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance
- Corridor presentation.

Question no: 208

208. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 23-26, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The T3 Bankstown Line?
- (b) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?
- (c) The Blue Mountains Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Sydney Trains:

- More Trains More Services Stage 3A South West Sefton Triangle, Lidcombe work
- Sydney Metro South West stage work
- Sydney Metro Line Wide stage work
- Track reconditioning
- Turnout refurbishment
- Plain track and turnout resurfacing
- Rail and turnout grinding
- Corridor presentation
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

Sydney Metro is not carrying out any work during this Sydney Trains trackwork weekend.

(b) No track work is being carried out.

(c) No track work is being carried out.

Question no: 209

209. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 23, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The T1 North Shore & Western Line?
- (b) The T2 Inner West & Leppington Line?
- (c) The T9 Northern Line?
- (d) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 208.

Question no: 210

210. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 27-29, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The T3 Bankstown Line?
- (b) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?

(c) The Blue Mountains Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Trains:

(a)

- More Trains More Services Stage 3A South West Sefton Triangle, Lidcombe work
- Sydney Metro South West stage work
- Retaining wall maintenance at Campsie and Regents Park stations
- Rail grinding
- Civil, overhead wire, and signal and track maintenance.

Sydney Metro:

(a) From 27 December 2023 to 25 January 2024, Sydney Metro is carrying out:

- Civil work at Bankstown Station platform
- Minor building and finishing work at all station platform buildings
- Track adjustments throughout the rail corridor
- Overhead wire work, including installation of footings, new overhead wire structures, new wiring and wiring adjustments
- Work on security and segregation fencing
- Work on rail bridges, including the installation of bridge protection screens.

(b) No track work is being carried out.

Question no: 211

211. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the Inner West & Leppington Line on 27 December?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 210.

Question no: 212

212. In relation to the trackwork scheduled for December 30, can the Minister please advise what works will be undertaken on:

- (a) The T3 Bankstown Line?
- (b) The Central Coast & Newcastle Line?
- (c) The Blue Mountains Line?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Sydney Trains:

- More Trains More Services Stage 3A South West Sefton Triangle, Lidcombe work
- Sydney Metro South West stage work
- Retaining wall at Campsie and Regents Park

- Rail grinding
- Civil, overhead wiring, signal and track maintenance

(a) Sydney Metro:

From 27 December 2023 to 25 January 2024, Sydney Metro is carrying out:

- Civil work at Bankstown Station platform
- Minor building and finishing work at all station platform buildings
- Track adjustments throughout the rail corridor
- Overhead wire work, including installation of footings, new overhead wire structures, new wiring and wiring adjustments
- Work on security and segregation fencing
- Work on rail bridges, including the installation of bridge protection screens

(b) No track work occurred.

(c) No track work occurred.

Question no: 213

213. Can the Minister please advise what trackwork will be undertaken on the T3 Bankstown Line on 31 December?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 212(a).

Question no: 214

214. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Circular Quay Precinct Renewal?
(a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website and in the 2023-24 NSW Budget papers.

Question no: 215

215. In relation to the Swansea Channel dredging, can the Minister advise:

- (a) What is the current timeframe for the project?
- (b) When will the project be completed?
- (c) What mechanical issues have taken place and how has this impacted the project?
 - i. What environmental impacts did this have?
- (d) What measures have been taken to ensure the safety of boaters in the area while the works are taking place?
- (e) What criteria does the Australian Maritime Safety Authority use to determine whether to approve works of this kind?
- (f) How frequently is the Swansea Channel dredged?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) This project is being carried out in two stages, with the first stage expected to be completed by the end of 2023 and the second stage to be completed by mid-2024.

(b) The project is expected to be completed by mid-2024.

(c) The main engine of the dredge experienced a failure, requiring removal from the dredge and re-building. The main pump required repairs and the dredge experienced other minor issues which required repairs. A back up dredge was in place whilst the main engine repairs were carried out to ensure there was no impact to the project.

i. No environmental impacts have been reported by the contractors and no environmental impacts have been observed during Transport for NSW's regular routine site inspections.

(d) Contractors have a navigation management plan in place which was developed with the assistance of local Transport for NSW Maritime operational staff. A Notice to Mariners has also been issued and the local Marine Rescue are broadcasting Securite radio messages.

(e) Australian Maritime Safety Authority is not involved in the physical work or approvals associated with this project, other than certification of the vessel and operators/seafarers.

(f) Transport for NSW is currently seeking approval of a 10-year plan to carry out maintenance dredging of the Swansea Channel which will look at long term dredging solutions.

Question no: 216

216. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Metro West project, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW and Commonwealth Government are in regular contact about policy and funding priorities.

Question no: 217

217. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Circular Quay Precinct Renewal, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW and Commonwealth Government are in regular contact about policy and funding priorities.

Question no: 218

218. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Western Sydney Long Term Strategic Transport Corridor Preservation, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW and Commonwealth Government are in regular contact about policy and funding priorities.

Question no: 219

219. Can the Minister please advise how many cases of companies being non-compliant with construction guidelines and safety legislation have been referred to Transport for NSW and/or the Minister by Government agencies and other entities for their consideration since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

Question no: 220

220. Can the Minister please advise how many sanctions have been issued by Transport for NSW or the Minister against companies that have breached safety legislation or engaged in industrial non-compliance during Government transport projects since 28 March 2023?

- (a) What companies are they?
- (b) What projects they were working on in which they were sanctioned for?
- (c) Which of those companies are currently working on other Government projects?
 - i. What other projects are they currently working on

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

Question no: 221

221. Can the Minister please advise what was the nature of any sanctions placed on non-compliant contractors on Government transport projects since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

Question no: 222

222. Can the Minister please advise how the Government ensures that its Building and Construction Industry guidelines are applied in transport projects?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW ensures compliance with guidelines is applied through its contracting arrangements with delivery partners and other third-party suppliers through the inclusion of clauses setting out requirements of and requiring compliance with the NSW Industrial Relations Guidelines: Building and Construction Procurement (NSW Guidelines) in standard contracts for building and construction work.

Tenderers are required to complete a declaration of compliance with the NSW Guidelines as part of standard tender documentation and processes.

Question no: 223

223. Can the Minister please advise what consequences arise when contractors are found not to comply with the Government's Building and Construction Industry guidelines when working on transport projects?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

Question no: 224

224. In relation to zero emissions buses, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) How many have entered service since 28 March 2023?
- (b) How many in total are currently in service?
- (c) How many more are expected to enter service by July 2024?
- (d) How many will the NSW Government build by the end of 2024?
- (e) On average, how long does it take for a zero emissions bus to enter service after being ordered?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Twelve zero emission buses have entered service across Greater Sydney since 28 March 2023.

(b) There are 114 zero emission buses currently in service across Greater Sydney.

(c) There are 93 additional zero emission buses planned to enter service across Greater Sydney by July 2024. This is dependent on depot electrical work and charger installations being completed.

(d) Around 200 zero emission buses will be ordered in 2024 for delivery in 2024 and 2025 in Greater Sydney.

(e) A bus can take between nine and 18 months from order to delivery. If a larger volume of buses is ordered, delivery will typically include four to six buses per month following delivery of the first bus.

Question no: 225

225. Can the Minister please advise their position on a proposed high line walkway along the Cahill Expressway?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 226

226. In relation to CCTV at train stations, can the Minister please advise:

Transport

(a) What percentage of stations across the Sydney Trains network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. What stations are these?

ii. At these stations, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?

(b) What percentage of stations across the NSW TrainLink network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. What stations are these?

ii. At these stations, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?

(c) What percentage of major stations or interchanges (e.g., Chatswood, Strathfield, Epping, Blacktown) are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. What stations are these?

ii. At these stations, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?

(d) How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?

(e) What percentage of CCTV cameras across Sydney Trains stations are currently operational?

i. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

(f) What percentage of CCTV cameras across the NSW TrainLink stations are currently operational?

i. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

(g) What is the plan to install CCTV cameras at more stations across the Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink networks?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) 100 per cent of stations across the Sydney Trains network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.
- i. All stations on the Sydney Trains network.
 - ii. All station platforms on the Sydney Trains network.
- (b) 74 per cent of regional stations and 100 per cent of intercity stations are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.
- i. All NSW TrainLink intercity stations are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras. A separate regional CCTV system is in operation around the clock at many regional stations across the state to support passenger safety and NSW TrainLink operations.
 - ii. All station platforms on the NSW TrainLink intercity stations are equipped with CCTV cameras. Station footage at regional locations includes as a minimum coverage of customer help and information points which are on platforms, and also includes at many locations entrances / exits, customer waiting areas and bus interchange / drop off areas.
- (c) All major and interchange stations are equipped with 24/7 CCTV cameras.
- i. All Sydney Trains stations including those classified as major or interchange have 24/7 CCTV coverage.
 - ii. All station platforms on the Sydney Trains network.
- (d) The Sydney Trains' CCTV network receives yearly scheduled routine maintenance, and the NSW Trains' CCTV network receives routine maintenance as required.
- (e) As at 7 November 2023, 100 per cent of CCTV cameras were operational.
- (f) As at 7 November 2023, 100 per cent of CCTV cameras were operational.
- (g) Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink consistently integrates new CCTV cameras into its network via the MAC (Move, add or change request for CCTV camera) and Transport Access Program projects.

Question no: 227

227. In relation to CCTV on Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What percentage of trains across the Sydney Trains network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. Of these, what percentage of individual carriages are equipped with CCTV cameras?
 - (b) What percentage of trains across the NSW TrainLink network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. Of these, what percentage of individual carriages are equipped with CCTV cameras?
 - (c) How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - (d) What percentage of these CCTV cameras across the Sydney Trains network are currently operational?
 - i. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - (e) What percentage of these CCTV cameras across the NSW TrainLink network are currently operational?
 - i. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - (f) What is the plan to install CCTV cameras on more trains across NSW?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) 78 per cent of the trains operated on the Sydney Trains network have CCTV cameras installed.

i. 64 per cent of individual cars have CCTV cameras installed.

(b) 42 per cent of the trains operated on the NSW Trainlink network have CCTV cameras installed.

i. 41 per cent of individual cars have CCTV cameras installed.

(c) Maintenance carried out on the CCTV cameras across the fleets varies in line with the maintenance cycle of each individual fleet. Periodic maintenance is carried out between a range of 45 and 120 days. Repairs are carried out on an as-needed basis as faults are reported.

(d) 99 per cent of CCTV cameras are operational at any point in time.

i. CCTV cameras are monitored daily by crew and any reported faults are inspected/repared at the next available opportunity, which is generally the following day depending on the nature of the fault.

(e) 99 per cent of CCTV cameras are operational at any point in time.

i. CCTV cameras are monitored daily by crew and any reported faults are inspected/repared at the next available opportunity, which is generally the following day depending on the nature of the fault. Repairs on NSW TrainLink trains may take a day longer depending on the location of the trains.

(f) The introduction of new fleets with CCTV installed, such as the New Intercity (Mariyung) Fleet and new Regional Rail Fleet will significantly improve the percentage of CCTV coverage. The proposed Tangara upgrade project is also targeted to include the installation of CCTV cameras across the fleet.

Question no: 228

228. In relation to CCTV at Sydney Metro stations, can the Minister please advise:

(a) What percentage of stations across the Sydney Metro network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. What stations are these?

ii. At these stations, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?

(b) What percentage of major stations or interchanges (e.g. Chatswood, Epping) are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. What stations are these?

ii. At these stations, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?

(c) How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?

(d) What percentage of CCTV cameras across Sydney Metro stations are currently operational i. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

(e) What is the plan to install CCTV cameras at more stations across the Sydney Metro network?

(f) Are all Metro stations currently under construction set to be equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) 100 per cent of the stations on the Metro North West Line are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.

i. Tallawong, Rouse Hill, Kellyville, Bella Vista, Norwest, Hills Showground, Castle Hill, Cherrybrook, Epping, Macquarie University, Macquarie Park, North Ryde, Chatswood.

ii. 100 per cent

(b) I refer you to the response above.

(c) Different preventative maintenance regimes apply to the CCTV system including daily, weekly, monthly, six-monthly and yearly checks. If any issues are identified during these preventative maintenance activities, a corrective maintenance work order is raised with an appropriate target date for completion.

(d) Of the approximate 1,800 cameras installed at stations on the Metro North West Line, two cameras are not operational (as at 7 November 2023).

i. Corrective work orders have been raised in relation to the two cameras currently out of service and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

(e) All stations on the Metro North West Line are already equipped with CCTV cameras.

(f) Yes, all stations will have 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.

Question no: 229

229. In relation to CCTV on Sydney Metro trains, can the Minister please advise:

(a) What percentage of Metro trains across the Sydney Metro network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

(b) Of these, what percentage of individual carriages are equipped with CCTV cameras?

(c) How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?

(d) What percentage of these CCTV cameras across the Sydney Metro network are currently operational?

(e) What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) 100 per cent of trains on the Metro North West Line are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras

(b) 100 per cent of the individual carriages on the Metro North West Line are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras (six cameras per carriage).

(c) The same preventative maintenance regimes which apply to the CCTV system on stations applies to CCTV cameras located inside rollingstock, with different maintenance

activities occurring which range from monthly to yearly. These activities include cleaning, visual inspection for damage and performance, and replacement of cameras where required.

(d) 100 per cent of the CCTV cameras inside metro trains are operational (as at 7 November 2023).

(e) As at 7 November 2023, all cameras are currently operational.

Question no: 230

230. In relation to CCTV across the Sydney bus network, can the Minister please advise:

(a) What percentage of bus stops are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. What stops are these?

ii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?

iii. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?

iv. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

v. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras at more stops across this network?

(b) What percentage of buses across this network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

i. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?

ii. What percentage of these CCTV cameras are currently operational?

iii. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

iv. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras on more of these buses?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) 0.17 per cent of bus stops are equipped with CCTV cameras.¹

i. B-Line bus stops, bus stops along the Liverpool to Parramatta Transit Way and the Patrick Street tunnel at Blacktown.

ii. Maintenance is carried out as required.

iii. 53 per cent of the CCTV cameras are operational.

iv. The non-operational cameras are expected to be fully replaced within 18 months.

v. There are no current plans to install additional CCTV cameras.

(b) 100 per cent of buses across the Sydney bus network are fitted with CCTV. The Passenger Transport (General) Regulation 2017 requires that an operator of a bus service who carries on a regular passenger service partly or wholly within the Metropolitan, Newcastle or Wollongong transport district or within the Central Coast local government area must ensure that each bus in the fleet is fitted with an approved security camera system.

i. To ensure all CCTV cameras on board buses are operational during all hours of services, regular checks and maintenance on CCTV systems are carried out by operators. The frequency of maintenance is determined by the operators.

ii. 100 per cent of all CCTV systems are required to be operational for a bus to be in service.

iii. All non-operational cameras are replaced prior to buses returning to service.

iv. 100 per cent of buses across the Sydney bus network are fitted with CCTV.

¹ In [correspondence](#) to the committee received 22 March 2024, The Hon Jo Haylen MP requested a clarification to the answers to supplementary questions 230 and 233.

Question no: 231

231. In relation to CCTV across the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter bus network, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) What percentage of bus stops are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. What stops are these?
 - ii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - iii. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - iv. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - v. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras at more stops across this network?
- (b) What percentage of buses across this network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - ii. What percentage of these CCTV cameras are currently operational?
 - iii. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - iv. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras on more of these buses?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 232

232. In relation to CCTV across the Blue Mountains and Lithgow bus network, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) What percentage of bus stops are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. What stops are these?
 - ii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - iii. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - iv. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - v. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras at more stops across this network?
- (b) What percentage of buses across this network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - ii. What percentage of these CCTV cameras are currently operational?
 - iii. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - iv. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras on more of these buses?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Question no: 233

233. In relation to night bus services, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) What percentage of bus stops across NSW which support night bus services are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. What stops are these?
 - ii. What stops are not equipped?
 - iii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - iv. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - v. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - vi. What is the plan to install CCTV cameras at more of these stops?

- (b) What percentage of buses used for night bus services are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
- How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - What percentage of these CCTV cameras are currently operational?
 - What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - What is the plan to install CCTV cameras on more of these buses?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) 0.17 per cent of bus stops across the Sydney bus network are equipped with CCTV cameras, with some night bus routes utilising these bus stops².
- B-Line bus stops, bus stops along the Liverpool to Parramatta Transit Way and the Patrick Street tunnel at Blacktown.
 - I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 233a.
 - Maintenance is carried out as required.
 - 53 per cent of CCTV cameras across the Sydney bus network are operational.
 - The non-operational cameras are expected to be fully replaced within 18 months.
 - There are no current plans to install additional CCTV cameras.
- (b) I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 230b.
- I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 230b(i).
 - I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 230b(ii).
 - I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 230b(iii).
 - I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 230b(iv).

Question no: 234

234. In relation to CCTV at light rail stops, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What percentage of stops across the Sydney Light Rail network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
- What stops are these?
 - At these stops, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?
- (b) What percentage of stops across the Newcastle Light Rail network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
- What stops are these?
 - At these stops, what percentage of platforms are equipped with CCTV cameras?
- (c) How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
- (d) What percentage of CCTV cameras across Sydney Light Rail stops are currently operational?
- What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
- (e) What percentage of CCTV cameras across Newcastle Light Rail stops are currently operational?
- What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
- (f) Are all Light Rail stops currently under construction set to be equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?

Answer:

² In [correspondence](#) to the committee received 22 March 2024, The Hon Jo Haylen MP requested a clarification to the answers to supplementary questions 230 and 233.

I am advised:

- (a) 100 per cent of stops along the Sydney Light Rail network are equipped with 24/7 CCTV cameras.
- (b) 100 per cent of the stops and platforms across the Newcastle Light Rail networks are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.
- (c) Maintenance on the Newcastle Light Rail CCTV cameras is carried out weekly.
- (d) Currently 100 per cent of CCTV at platforms for Sydney Light Rail are operational.
- (e) 100 per cent of the Newcastle Light Rail CCTV at stops are currently operational.
- (f) Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 stops will be equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras. The cameras will be operational upon first passenger service.

Question no: 235

235. In relation to CCTV on light rail vehicles, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What percentage of Light Rail vehicles across the Sydney Light Rail network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. Of these, what percentage of individual carriages are equipped with CCTV cameras?
 - ii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - iii. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - iv. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?
 - (b) What percentage of Light Rail vehicles across the Newcastle Light Rail network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. Of these, what percentage of individual carriages are equipped with CCTV cameras?
 - ii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - iii. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - iv. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

Answer:

- I am advised:
- (a) 100 per cent (76) of all Light Rail vehicles and carriages across the Sydney Light Rail network are equipped with multiple CCTV cameras.
 - i. All 76 Light Rail vehicles and carriages across the Sydney Light Rail network are equipped with multiple CCTV cameras. The CCTV are always operational while the vehicle is in service and will only be turned off when the vehicle returns to the stabling yard and is powered off at the end of service.
 - ii. Every Light Rail vehicle goes through a pre-service inspection every day prior to entering service. This inspection includes confirming that CCTV cameras are operational. Maintenance of the cameras is carried out on a fix on failure basis. It is a minimum requirement that all CCTV cameras on Light Rail vehicles entering passenger service are operational.
 - iii. All CCTV cameras are operational.
 - (b) 100 per cent of Light Rail Vehicles on the Newcastle Light Rail Network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.
 - i. 100 per cent of individual carriages are equipped with CCTV Cameras.

- ii. Maintenance on Newcastle Light Rail vehicle CCTV cameras is carried out on a fix on failure basis.
- iii. 100 per cent of Newcastle Light Rail vehicle CCTV cameras are currently operational.
- iv. Not applicable.

Question no: 236

236. In relation to CCTV at ferry wharves, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What percentage of wharves across the Sydney Ferries network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. What wharves are these?
 - (b) How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - (c) What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - i. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

Answer:

- I am advised:
- (a) 100 per cent of Transdev Sydney Ferry operational wharves, with the following exceptions:
 - Garden Island – not currently operational due to closure of Navy Museum
 - Double Bay – undergoing redevelopment and due to re-open in December.
 - (b) The Operator Transdev Sydney Ferries has a contract in place for CCTV and CCTV system preventative maintenance.
 - (c) 96.42 per cent as at 20 November 2023.
 - i The maintenance provider will attend to the cameras in line with contractual requirements.

Question no: 237

237. In relation to CCTV on ferries, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What percentage of Ferries across the Sydney Ferries network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras?
 - i. Which ferries are these?
 - ii. Which ferries are not equipped?
 - iii. How often is maintenance carried out on these CCTV cameras?
 - iv. What percentage of these cameras are currently operational?
 - v. What is the plan to service those cameras which are currently nonoperational?

Answer:

- I am advised:
- a) 94.7 per cent of Ferries across the Sydney Ferries network are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras.
 - (i) These vessels are:
Borrowdale
Charlotte
Fishburn

Friendship
Golden Grove
Scarborough
Sirius
Supply
Alexander
Catherine Hamlin
Fred Hollows
Victor Chang
Pemulwuy
Bungaree
May Gibbs
Me Mel
Freshwater
Betty Cuthbert
Dawn Fraser
Evonne Goolagong
Marlene Mathews
Marjorie Jackson
Nicole Livingstone
Shane Gould
Olive Cotton
Margaret Olley
Esme Timbery
Ruby Langford Ginibi
Ethel Turner
Ruth Park
Cheryl Salisbury
Lauren Jackson
Liz Ellis
Kurt Fearnley
Balmoral
Fairlight
Clontarf

(ii) The following vessels are about to be retired (April 2024) and used less frequently than other vessels and therefore do not have CCTV:

- Louise Sauvage
- SuperCat4.

(iii) The Operator Transdev Sydney Ferries has a contract in place for CCTV and CCTV system preventative maintenance.

(iv) 98.3 per cent as at 20 November 2023.

(v) The maintenance provider will attend to the cameras in line with contractual requirements.

Question no: 238

238. Can the Minister please advise, how many complaints have been referred to Transport for NSW since 28 March 2023 in relation to graffiti on:

- (a) All public transport assets in total, and broken down by:
- i. Trains on the Sydney Trains network?
 - ii. Other Sydney Trains assets?
 - iii. Trains on the NSW TrainLink network?
 - iv. Other NSW TrainLink assets?
 - v. Buses on the Sydney network?
 - vi. Other assets across the Sydney bus network?
 - vii. Buses on the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter network?
 - viii. Other assets across the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter bus network?
 - ix. Buses on the Blue Mountains and Lithgow network?
 - x. Other assets across the Blue Mountains and Lithgow bus network?
 - xi. Buses on the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands network?
 - xii. Other assets across the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands bus network?
 - xiii. Sydney Metro trains?
 - xiv. Other assets across the Sydney Metro network?
 - xv. Light Rail vehicles on the Sydney Light Rail network?
 - xvi. Other assets across the Sydney Light Rail network?
 - xvii. Ferries on the Sydney Ferries network?
 - xviii. Other assets across the Sydney Ferries network?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) Transport for NSW received a total of 476 graffiti related cases since (and including) 28 March 2023. Of these 240 were classified as complaints, 207 were classified as feedback and 29 cases were classified as enquiries.

The number of complaints have been referred to Transport for NSW since 28 March 2023 in relation to graffiti on:

- i. Trains on the Sydney Trains network
 - Sydney Trains - 171 cases of graffiti were received on Trains on the Sydney Trains network in this period
- ii. Other Sydney Trains assets
 - 137 cases of graffiti were received on other Sydney Trains assets (including stations and infrastructure) in this period
- iii. Trains on the NSW TrainLink network
 - 24 cases of graffiti were received on Trains on the NSW TrainLink network in this period
- iv. Other NSW TrainLink assets
 - 29 cases of graffiti were received on other NSW TrainLink assets (including stations and infrastructure) in this period
- v. Buses on the Sydney network
 - 19 cases of graffiti were received on Bus vehicles on the Sydney network in this period
- vi. Other assets across the Sydney bus network
 - 61 cases of graffiti were received on Bus stops across the Sydney bus network in this period
- vii. Buses on the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter network
 - 2 cases of graffiti were received on Bus vehicles on the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter network in this period

- viii. Other assets across the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter bus network
 - 3 cases of graffiti were received on Bus stops across the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter network in this period
- ix. Buses on the Blue Mountains and Lithgow network
 - No cases of graffiti were received on Bus vehicles across the Blue Mountains and Lithgow network in this period
- x. Other assets across the Blue Mountains and Lithgow bus network
 - 1 case of graffiti were received on Bus stops across the Blue Mountains and Lithgow network
- xi. Buses on the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands network
 - No cases of graffiti were received on Bus vehicles across the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands network in this period
- xii. Other assets across the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands bus network
 - 1 case of graffiti was received on Bus stops across the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands network in this period
- xiii. Sydney Metro trains
 - Four
- xiv. Other assets across the Sydney Metro network
 - One
- xv. Light Rail vehicles on the Sydney Light Rail network
 - Transdev Sydney has received no complaints about graffiti on Light Rail vehicles within this time period.
- xvi. Other assets across the Sydney Light Rail network
 - Since 28 March 2023, Transdev Sydney received a total of 12 complaints in relation to graffiti on Light Rail platforms via Transport for NSW feedback channel.
 - 16 cases of graffiti were received on Light Rail Stops in this period
- xvii. Ferries on the Sydney Ferries network
 - No cases were received for graffiti on Ferries on the Sydney Ferries network in this period
- xviii. Other assets across the Sydney Ferries network?
 - No cases were received for graffiti on other assets across the Sydney Ferries network in this period.

Question no: 239

239. In relation to graffiti on the train and Metro networks, can the Minister please advise:

(a) Approximately how frequently do instances of graffiti occur on:

- i. Trains on the Sydney Train network?
- ii. Trains on the NSW TrainLink network?
 - (b) Sydney Metro trains?
- iv. Other Sydney Trains assets?
 - (c) Other NSW TrainLink assets?
- vi. Other Sydney Metro assets?

(b) What are the ten stations with the highest reported instances of graffiti since 28 March 2023?

I What is the average time taken between a case of graffiti being reported to Service NSW or Transport for NSW and it being removed?

Answer:

(d) I am advised (a) Approximately how frequently do instances of graffiti occur on:

i Trains on the Sydney Train network

- Instances of graffiti across the ST network occur on multiple services on a daily basis.

ii. Trains on the NSW TrainLink network

- (e) Between 1 January 2022 and 19 November 2023, instances of graffiti applied to the interior or exterior of trains on the NSW TrainLink network averaged once every 2.5 days (less than 3 times per week). i. Sydney Metro trains
- (f) Instances of graffiti occur on metro trains on a monthly basis, approximately. v. Other Sydney Trains assets
- (g) Sydney Trains receives reports of graffiti on other Sydney Trains assets on a daily basis. v. Other NSW TrainLink assets
- Sydney Trains receives reports daily about graffiti on other rail assets including stations in NSW TrainLink's operational network.
- (h) NSW TrainLink does not own any other assets directly and the data for stations in the NSW TrainLink network is included below in part (b). i. Other Sydney Metro assets
- (i) Instances of graffiti occur on other assets on a daily basis. **b)** The 10 stations in the Sydney Trains' metropolitan network with the highest reported instances of graffiti since 28 March 2023 include the following;
 - Central
 - Sutherland
 - Gordon
 - Mount Colah
 - Rhodes
 - Petersham
 - Bardwell Park
 - Blacktown
 - Kingsgrove
 - Seven Hills.

Within the NSW TrainLink network, the 10 stations with the highest reported instances of graffiti (ie. not including instances where the graffiti was applied to a train) between 28 March and 19 November 2023 are:

Station	Incident Count
Wyang	14
Tamworth	11
Victoria Street	10
Springwood	10
Newcastle Interchange	10
Katoomba	10
Wollongong	9
Blaxland	9
Moss Vale	8
Faulconbridge	8

- (j) c) Sydney Trains has an active program to prevent, monitor and clean up graffiti and the damage it causes as quickly as possible. Highest priority is given to the removal of offensive or obscene graffiti which Sydney Trains aims to remove within 24 hours of it being detected.

If there is offensive graffiti on a train it is removed immediately after it has been reported. Otherwise, graffiti is removed during the next scheduled clean, on average 8 hours later.

Sydney Trains aligns with track possessions to safely conduct Graffiti Paint-Outs and Removal, which cannot otherwise be done when trains are running.

Additionally, there is an Off-Track program (Assets that can be accessed safely whilst trains are running), which covers assets across the network on a monthly basis. "Offensive or derogatory" Graffiti is actioned within a 24-hour period.

Question no: 240

240. In relation to graffiti on the bus networks, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) Approximately how frequently do instances of graffiti occur on:
- (k) ii. Buses on the Sydney network. Buses on the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter network?
 - (l) iv. Buses on the Blue Mountains and Lithgow network. Buses on the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands network?
 - (m) vi. Other assets across the Sydney bus network. Other assets across the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter bus network. Other assets across the Blue Mountains and Lithgow bus network?
- viii. Other assets across the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands bus network?
- (b) What are the ten bus stops with the highest reported instances of graffiti since 28 March 2023?
- (c) What is the average time taken between a case of graffiti being reported to Service NSW or Transport for NSW and it being removed?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) & (b) This information is not held by Transport for NSW.

(c) Graffiti on the Greater Sydney Bus network is reasonably consistent however, activity peaks during school terms. Operators remove offensive, small and/or easy-to-reach graffiti daily or when reported.

Question no: 241

241. In relation to graffiti on the Sydney Light Rail network, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) Approximately how frequently do instances of graffiti occur on:
- i. Light Rail vehicles on the Sydney Light Rail network?
 - ii. Light Rail vehicles on the Newcastle Light Rail network?
 - iii. Other Sydney Light Rail assets?
 - iv. Other Newcastle Light Rail assets?
- (b) What are the ten stops with the highest reported instances of graffiti since 28 March 2023?
- (c) What is the average time taken between a case of graffiti being reported to Service NSW or Transport for NSW and it being removed?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) (i) and (iii) Etching and graffiti occur on daily basis on Light Rail vehicles and other assets across the Sydney Light Rail network.

Offensive, small and/or easy-to-reach graffiti gets removed the same day or the next where possible. Larger easy-to-reach graffiti gets removed within 2-3 days. Graffiti not easily accessible may require special equipment eg. ladders and safe working arrangements.

Question no: 242

242. In relation to graffiti on the Sydney Ferries network, can the Minister please advise:

(a) Approximately how frequently do instances of graffiti occur on:

- i. Ferries on the Sydney Light Rail network?
- ii. Other Sydney Ferries assets?

(b) What are the five wharves with the highest reported instances of graffiti since 28 March 2023?

(c) What is the average time taken between a case of graffiti being reported to Service NSW or Transport for NSW and it being removed?

Answer:

I am advised:

a) i & ii. Graffiti on Sydney Ferries is rare. Six work requests were submitted for removal of graffiti during scheduled maintenance since March 2023. Minor graffiti is usually immediately removed by crew, where possible.

b) Wharves across Sydney with the highest reported Graffiti:

- Balmain West Wharf
- Kurraba Point Wharf
- Birkenhead Point Wharf
- Kirribilli (Jeffrey Street) Wharf
- Kirribilli (Beulah St) Wharf

c) Crew immediately remove graffiti on the vessel where possible. If not, it is referred to the maintenance team as noted above. Unless offensive the graffiti would usually be removed at the next scheduled maintenance window.

Question no: 243

243. Can the Minister please provide a description of the costs associated with graffiti removal on the public transport network?

Answer:

I am advised:

The costs associated with graffiti removal can vary significantly depending on the size, type of graffiti or damage and location.

Question no: 244

244. Can the Minister please advise what precautions are taken to ensure the safety of individuals removing graffiti across the public transport network?

Answer:

I am advised:

Safety is the top priority. Removal of graffiti is undertaken consistent with safe systems of work. For example, all Sydney Trains' works are performed by following the applicable Safe Working Network Rules & Procedures.

The removal of graffiti on trains is done in accordance with safe work instructions, including PPE requirements such as disposal overalls, protective face shields, respirators, gloves and risk assessments of the chemicals used in the process. In addition, when removing external graffiti, specific locations are utilised to ensure protection from potential electrical hazards and environmental controls are in place.

Question no: 245

245. Can the Minister please advise what measures are currently taken, and what further measures are being considered, to deter graffiti on the public transport network?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Light Rail

Transdev Sydney employs different measures to deter graffiti, antisocial behaviour and vandalism on the network:

- To prevent graffiti on light rail vehicles while in the depot for stabling and maintenance, these depots have high security fences, perimeter alarms, access restricted from the public, CCTVs and have security patrol 24/7.
- During periods of expected increase in anti-social behaviour, additional risk mitigation activities are implemented, including the deployment of extra staff at key locations and extra security personnel in hotspot areas across all lines. Transdev and Transport for NSW also work closely together on awareness campaigns to educate the public, the most recent being the "Don't Run the Risk" campaign rolled out during school holidays, focussed on safe behaviours around the Light Rail. Transdev also regularly engages with schools along the alignment to work on the best way to engage with students and raise awareness of these issues. Youth safety was the focus of this year's annual Transdev Sydney Public Safety Forum, aimed at developing a deeper understanding of young people's inclinations towards risk, antisocial behaviours and how best to get their attention. Students from local schools attended the event and actively participated in the discussion to share first-hand insights and experience.

Sydney Metro

- 100 per cent of the individual carriages on the Metro North West Line are equipped with 24/7 operational CCTV cameras- there are six cameras per carriage.

- An MTS security working group has been set up to identify and implement ways to deter graffiti and other forms of vandalism on Sydney Metro assets.
- Graffiti is removed as soon as possible.
- Security guards are posted throughout the Sydney Metro network during the evening, the Sydney Metro Trains Facility at Tallawong has Transport for NSW fencing and a 24-hour security guard.
- MTS attends two forums that relate to graffiti activity, both coordinated by Transport for NSW:
 - Federal Graffiti Forum – currently chaired by Sydney Trains
 - Intelligence Forum – chaired by Transport for NSW
- Metro Trains Sydney can be penalised if it has not met key performance indicator (KPI) thresholds in regard to graffiti surveyed on trains, stations and public areas.

Sydney Trains

Sydney Trains Security and Intelligence works closely with the NSW Police Force to facilitate a coordinated approach to the prevention and management of offences against rail property and rollingstock including graffiti vandalism. It also supports the NSW Police Force with intelligence, electronic surveillance technology and investigative support.

Sydney Trains' Security and Intelligence also has working relationships with the rail industry, local government, law enforcement agencies and other divisions in the Transport Cluster to deter graffiti vandalism including;

- Working with NSW TrainLink and Transport for NSW to identify high-risk areas and implement appropriate physical security upgrades.
- Working with Transport for NSW and the Assets Standards Authority to incorporate design measures that inherently prevent and deter property crime, as well as reduce the impact of damage caused by graffiti and vandalism in the specification of new trains and stations, and
- Participating in a national graffiti forum consisting of state-owned transport operators, private transport operators, local councils and state law enforcement agencies, to develop best practice to combat graffiti vandalism.

Other security measures to deter graffiti vandalism to Sydney Trains' network include;

- Deploying security officers to stabling yards to protect rollingstock from graffiti incidents.
- Live monitoring of CCTV cameras at known graffiti hotspots. There are over 13,000 CCTV cameras across the rail network.
- Conducting covert security operations of known graffiti hotspots, with significant success.
- Development and refinement of security awareness communications that increase employee awareness of the importance of reporting property crime.
- Recording all reported incidents of vandalism, including graffiti tags and other imagery, within the existing security information reporting system for use in intelligence-based operations to combat graffiti crimes.

Sydney Trains has several initiatives to deter graffiti vandalism on trains and in the rail corridor and on rail infrastructure including;

- Initiatives are underway to decrease opportunities for vandals to access more vulnerable train fleets without CCTV by ensuring these trains are allocated timetabled runs with limited windows of time where they can be vandalised, and increasing the undercover police presence on known problematic runs
- An engineering mitigation is being implemented to strengthen the doors through which vandals can access the crew cabs (these cabs have no CCTV and are a graffiti target)
- Constant monitoring of graffiti tags to identify trends and provide to the Sydney T Trains Security and Intelligence Division.
- Sydney Trains Corridor Maintenance have a proactive program developed from complaints and historical cleaning data that ensures known hotspots are scheduled for Graffiti removal more frequently and ensure greater response times.
- CCTV cameras are used to deter vandalism with the installation of strategically placed cameras to support law enforcement taskforces in the apprehension of offenders.
- High Security Fencing installations are prioritised based on frequency of trespass and vandalism, whilst offensive or obscene graffiti is painted over or removed within 24 hours.
- Sydney Trains is continually monitoring cleaning statistics, complaints to redefine their programs in addition to regularly consulting local councils as a method of introducing combined strategies to deter graffiti vandalism

Customers are encouraged to contact NSW Police directly if they witness or are victim to a crime or security incident including graffiti vandalism on the rail network, by calling: '000' for life threatening, real and immediate danger, and emergencies, or the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 for all other security incidents.

Existing graffiti on the Sydney Trains' network can be reported by customers via the feedback pages on the transportnsw.info website or by calling 131 500.

Question no: 246

246. Can the Minister please advise what is the 5% of work remaining for the new Waterloo station?

Answer:

I am advised:

Remaining work at Waterloo Station includes completion of the final public art installation, external finishes such as façade works and awnings, and utilities work.

Question no: 247

247. Can the Minister please advise how the number of passengers estimated to use the new Sydney Metro City network has been calculated?

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of the Sydney Metro Chatswood to Sydenham Environmental Impact Statement, two patronage forecast models were configured and run to produce preliminary forecast passenger demand and their anticipated mode of arrival / departure from each station, and were informed by a number of assumptions regarding future land use, transport use, and operations.

Question no: 248

248. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to provide essential public transport services and infrastructure ahead of growing population demand in a staged approach?

Answer:

I am advised:

In addition to business as usual planning activities, the Government commissioned the Bus Industry Taskforce, Sydney Trains rail review, and Sydney Metro review to inform planning activities..

Question no: 249

249. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to provide clearer customer information and more seamless interchanging opportunities?

Answer:

I am advised:

The transportnsw.info website and the Opal Travel App are continually updated to provide customers with end-to-end trip planning tools including information about interchanging.

New smart screens at key locations will help passengers connect across all public transport services.

Recommendation 8 of the Sydney Train Review calls for the improvement of customer communications during service disruption and work is well underway to meet the requirements of this recommendation.

Question no: 250

250. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to develop innovative solutions for first and last mile journeys on the bus network?

Answer:

I am advised:

Bus connections are an important first and last mile for heavy rail, light rail, ferry and Metro journeys. Transport for NSW, through its short and medium-term bus service planning work, in collaboration with the Bus Industry Taskforce, is developing network-

wide plans to inform next steps in future bus network development to support current and future urban growth.

In the near term, Transport for NSW plans to improve bus access to Sydney Metro stations when the Metro North West Line extension to Sydenham opens in 2024.

Question no: 251

251. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to provide priority access for on-street transit when planning for population growth?

Answer:

I am advised:

In planning for population growth in greenfield areas, Transport for NSW is identifying opportunities for priority access for on-street transit, for example in areas such as the Western Sydney Airport Precinct, the South West Growth Area, and Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

The Bus Priority Infrastructure Program continually reviews the needs of on street transit for the existing road networks across Sydney.

Further, Transport for NSW has recently released the Directions for On-Street Transit White Paper. Transport for NSW will work with land use agencies to identify medium-density housing areas and rapid bus routes that can work together with investment in bus infrastructure and bus priority ahead of population growth. This new vision will feed into the Bus Industry Taskforce's reports and the Network Plans currently under development.

Question no: 252

252. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to align bus fleet type with demand and needs of the community?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW operates bus types of different size and capacity to match demand and road network conditions. These considerations inform future bus types in the fleet.

Question no: 253

253. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to invest in technology to uplift customer experience and operations planning on the bus network?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is planning improved bus tracking and information systems that will provide accurate real time information for passengers, enable bus operators to better track bus performance in real time and intervene when services are disrupted, and provide

Transport for NSW with more reliable information on bus service performance to assist continuous improvement of the bus network's performance.

Question no: 254

254. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to develop a priority list for 39 rapid bus routes that balance population growth support and developing new connections in Greater Sydney?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Bus Industry Taskforce released a Directions for On-Street Transit White Paper, which identifies key moves to transform bus services across the state, including developing a priority list for 39 rapid bus routes that balance population growth support and developing new connections in Greater Sydney.

These 39 routes represent an overall vision for rapid buses across Sydney over the medium-term, and are being considered and prioritised through development of a bus plan to inform future budget funding requests.

Prioritisation will consider many factors, including overall network connectivity and supporting population growth. It will also ensure other needs across the bus network are considered.

\$302.7 million has been committed in the 2023-24 NSW Budget to delivering bus services to Western Sydney Airport and represents the first step in evolving towards rapid bus routes.

Question no: 255

255. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to identify on-street transit support for medium-density housing areas?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to develop Transport Network Plans which will identify key priorities for the transport network across the next 20 years, including investigations for the rapid bus network.

Question no: 256

256. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to invest in upgrades to bus stop accessibility?

Answer:

I am advised:

Responsibility for accessibility of bus stops lies primarily with Local Government authorities.

Local bus operators work with local councils to identify suitable locations for bus stops to ensure maximum coverage and access to bus services.

Transport for NSW produces a bus stop style guide which is provided to local councils to maximise accessibility of bus stops.

Question no: 257

257. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to deliver public transport capable streets?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Network Planning in Precincts Guide is for transport and land-use practitioners, including local government and development professionals who are involved in strategic design and planning processes for precincts.

The guide presents principles for planning and designing a multimodal transport network that integrates land use and transport at a precinct level. It shifts the emphasis from a hierarchy of roads towards a complete network that is place-based and prioritises walking, cycling, public transport and the safety and comfort of our most vulnerable people.

Question no: 258

258. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to implement strategies to support private bus operator performance?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW works closely with bus operators to monitor and improve performance, including strategies for service planning, operations, staff and assets, designed to ensure contract standards and community expectations are met in the delivery of bus services.

Transport for NSW is currently working with operators to improve reliability of the bus network, focused on increasing driver availability and reducing cancellations, improving on time running and ensuring overcrowding is addressed with sufficient capacity. This includes regular service adjustments, informed by data analysis and passenger feedback, which improve the performance and effectiveness of buses.

Question no: 259

259. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to improve coordination of bus asset management, including depots and layovers?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW regularly reviews current and future requirements and optimal utilisation of bus network assets, in particular fleet, depots and layovers.

Question no: 260

260. Can the Minister please advise who attended the Bus Symposium in October?

Answer:

I am advised:

A range of stakeholders attended the Bus Symposium, including representatives from industry groups, local councils, bus operators, universities and other key stakeholders.

Question no: 261

261. Can the Minister please advise what stakeholders the Bus Industry Taskforce is engaging with during the white paper consultation process?

Answer:

I am advised:

Engagement on the Directions for On-Street Transit White Paper commenced on 25 October 2023 with the Sydney Bus Symposium. During the engagement period Transport for NSW hosted a virtual webinar attended by representatives from councils, transport operators, the community, planners, peak bodies and consultants.

As at 25 November 2023, Transport for NSW had received feedback from bus and light rail passengers, urban planners, and community service advocates via 155 survey completions and five written submissions (noting at this date the consultation window had not yet closed).

Engagement on the Directions for On-Street Transit White Paper will help inform Transport for NSW's response to the Final Recommendations of the Bus Industry Taskforce.

Question no: 262

262. Can the Minister advise, what is the estimated increase in annual revenue that will result from the recent changes to Opal fares?

Answer:

I am advised:

Recent fare changes are estimated to increase annual revenue from Opal by around 3.7 per cent.

Question no: 263

263. Can the Minister advise, what is the anticipated increase in the number of commuters on Fridays as a result of the new Friday Opal fares?

Answer:

I am advised:

Opal weekday patronage is continuing to recover from the impacts of COVID-19, with the monitoring of patronage trends ongoing.

Question no: 264

264. Can the Minister advise, how many Cruise ships are expected to dock in the Port of Newcastle over the Summer ahead?

- (a) How many passengers and crew will transit through Newcastle and the Hunter as a result?
(b) What is the expected impact on the Newcastle and Hunter economy as a result?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are 15 confirmed cruise ship bookings for the summer season (2023/2024).

- a) Up to 20,625 passengers and 9,942 crew, based on each vessel's stated capacity.
b) Direct economic contributions is estimated at \$6,016,388.

Question no: 265

265. Can the Minister please provide an update on the NSW Rural and Regional Seatbelts Program?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is working to improve safety on buses and coaches, accepting all five recommendations from the Bus Taskforce First Safety Report which was carried out following the Hunter Valley tragedy.

The initial report addresses a number of key areas, including a new safety campaign to promote seatbelt usage and possible speed restriction mandates for school buses, as well as addressing risks for passengers standing on buses, travelling in speed zones over 80km/h.

All 2,583 dedicated rural and regional school buses now have seatbelts installed and available for use by students:

- 1,145 new buses installed with seatbelts were purchased,
- 883 existing school buses were retrofitted with seatbelts,
- 555 buses were fitted with seatbelts prior to the program commencing.

A further 102 outer metropolitan school buses which travel along some of the same high-risk roads as the rural and regional school buses have been identified and will have seatbelts installed.

Question no: 266

266. Can the Minister please advise, what is the Government's plan to implement a road safety campaign to promote compliance with seatbelt laws on buses, including by school children?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 265.

Question no: 267

267. Can the Minister please advise how Transport for NSW will assist bus operators to comply with their obligation to inform passengers about the mandatory use of seatbelts?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working closely with the bus industry to assist bus operators to comply with their obligation to inform passengers about the mandatory use of seatbelts by executing a multi-channel strategic communications and engagement plan. This includes direct stakeholder engagement with industry, digital communication updates for all Bus Operator Accreditation Scheme (BOAS) participants, collateral and resource sharing and education regarding operational compliance.

Through these activities, Transport for NSW is encouraging the bus industry to help promote core safety messaging directly through their own channels and within their communities.

Question no: 268

268. Can the Minister please advise, what is the timeline for Transport for NSW to conduct a thorough examination of the risks associated with standees on buses and explore potential risk mitigation approaches?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has accepted all five recommendations from the Bus Taskforce First Safety Report, released on 13 October 2023.

Transport for NSW has begun work to implement the recommendations, prioritising awareness around seatbelt compliance. Work is being progressed on Recommendation 4, requiring a thorough examination of the risks associated with standees on buses and

explores potential risk mitigation approaches. This work is expected to be completed around mid-2024.

Question no: 269

269. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW's consideration of whether the 80km/h rule for dedicated school bus services with standing passengers be rolled out across all services and examination of ways of reducing risks for standees on buses travelling over 80 km/h?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has accepted all five recommendations from the Bus Taskforce First Safety Report, released on 13 October 2023.

Transport for NSW has begun work to implement the recommendations, prioritising awareness around seatbelt compliance. Transport for NSW is progressing work on Recommendation 5, requiring consideration of whether the 80 km/h rule for dedicated school bus services with standing passengers could be rolled out across all services and examine ways of reducing risks for standees on buses travelling over 80 km/h. This work is expected to be completed around mid-2024.

Question no: 270

270. Can the Minister please advise whether there has been monitoring of changes and/or increases in commuter activity at Redfern Station since the completion of accessibility upgrades?
(a) If so, what have been the findings?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to monitor and assess patronage levels, following the opening of the new Southern Concourse on 8 October 2023.

Reduced crowding at other concourse areas at the Lawson Street (City) end of the station has been observed.

Question no: 271

271. Can the Minister please provide an update on the detailed plans Transport for NSW is developing to support passengers during the final T3 conversion period?

Answer:

I am advised:

A final conversion shutdown of up to 12 months is required on the T3 Bankstown Line before metro services begin. This shutdown will begin between July and October 2024

and will only occur once metro services have already started on the Chatswood to Sydenham section of the alignment.

A comprehensive temporary transport plan will be in place throughout the conversion to ensure passengers can get to where they need to go.

Question no: 272

272. Can the Minister please advise when the 2-year trial to give extra mass zero emission heavy vehicles access to the state road network will commence?

Answer:

I am advised:

Access for the trial will be provided as a Notice published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). Transport for NSW is currently working with NHVR to develop a Notice. It is expected this will be available in late 2023 or early 2024.

In the interim heavy vehicle operators are able to access the state road network via a lodging a permit application in the NHVR Portal.

Question no: 273

273. Can the Minister please advise what the cost was to develop the online comparison tool under the Towards Net Zero Emissions Freight Policy?

Answer:

I am advised:

The total cost to develop the online comparison tool was \$163,999.

Question no: 274

274. Can the Minister please advise how many commuters use Deniston Station each week?

Answer:

I am advised:

The average weekday Opal tap on and off volume at Denistone station in October 2023 was 956 (excluding school and public holidays).

Question no: 275

275. Can the Minister please advise what the plan is for improving real time bus tracking and the Public Transport Information and Priority System?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 276

276. Can the Minister please provide an update on the progress of the Wollongong e-scooter trial?

Answer:

I am advised:

In response to the growing popularity of e-scooters and the need to safely manage their use, the NSW Government is working closely with NSW councils to enable trials of e-scooter shared schemes, including the Wollongong e-scooter trial which is expected to run for 12 months.

Further information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 277

277. Can the Minister please advise of the number of accidents that have been recorded during the Wollongong e-scooter trial?

Answer:

I am advised:

Under the e-scooter shared scheme trials, people are permitted to ride an e-scooter provided by a shared scheme provider in designated trial areas for a specified period. It is otherwise currently illegal to operate private e-scooters on public roads and within road-related areas in NSW.

When riding an e-scooter, people must wear an approved bicycle helmet at all times, and give way to pedestrians and keep left on designated shared paths. E-scooter riders are also subject to the same drink and drug driving offences as motor vehicle drivers.

E-scooter riders must also not exceed 10 km/h on shared paths and 20 km/h on the road to ensure the safety of all road users, including pedestrians.

Question no: 278

278. Can the Minister please advise of how many incidents have been recorded during the Wollongong e-scooter trial of riders committing infringements?
(a) What are the details of these infringements?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

Question no: 279

279. Can the Minister please advise how many road accidents have been recorded in NSW in 2023 involving:

- (b) e-bikes?
(c) e-scooters?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 280

280. Can the Minister please advise how often the lights along the Bay Run are required to be replaced/serviced?
(a) How much does each replacement/servicing cost?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the City of Canada Bay Council.

Question no: 281

281. Can the Minister please provide an update on the rollout of free public transport cards for bus drivers?

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of the recommendations of the Bus Industry Taskforce Interim Report, Transport for NSW is continuing to work with bus operators and other key stakeholders on the rollout of Opal Employee Cards for bus operator drivers and operational employees.

Question no: 282

282. Can the Minister please provide an update on the progress of the Armidale e-scooter trial?

Answer:

I am advised:

In response to the growing popularity of e-scooters and the need to safely manage their use, the NSW Government is working closely with NSW councils to enable trials of e-scooter shared schemes, including the Armidale e-scooter trial which is expected to run for 12 months.

Further information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 283

283. Can the Minister please advise of the number of accidents that have been recorded during the Armidale e-scooter trial?

Answer:

I am advised:

Under the e-scooter shared scheme trials, people are permitted to ride an e-scooter provided by a shared scheme provider in designated trial areas for a specified period. It is otherwise currently illegal to operate private e-scooters on public roads and within road-related areas in NSW.

When riding an e-scooter, people must wear an approved bicycle helmet at all times, and give way to pedestrians and keep left on designated shared paths. E-scooter riders are also subject to the same drink and drug driving offences as motor vehicle drivers.

E-scooter riders must also not exceed 10 km/h on shared paths and 20 km/h on the road to ensure the safety of all road users, including pedestrians.

Question no: 284

284. Can the Minister please advise of how many incidents have been recorded during the Armidale e-scooter trial of riders committing infringements?
(a) What are the details of these infringements?

Answer:

I am advised:

This a matter for the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

Question no: 285

285. Can the Minister please advise what is the timeline to transition the operation of the Mariyung trains and the majority of intercity passenger services, crew and stations from NSW TrainLink to Sydney Trains?

Answer:

I am advised:

It is expected the new Sydney Trains New Intercity Fleet project team will be in place in early December 2023.

Sydney Trains will commence operating Intercity services in the second half of 2024, subject to staff transition and accreditation processes.

Question no: 286

286. Can the Minister please provide an update on the tunnelling progress of tunnel boring machine Marlene?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Sydney Metro website.

Question no: 287

287. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway ramp project?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 288

288. Can the Minister please advise how Transport for NSW will work more collaboratively with industry to improve service delivery?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW works closely with its bus, ferry and light rail contract operators to ensure service delivery and reliability.

Transport for NSW also continually engages with operators and supports them to improve performance. This includes strategies for service planning, operations, staff and assets which are designed to ensure contract standards and community expectations are met in the delivery of bus services.

Transport for NSW also engages with industry through consultation and collaboration when delivering projects.

Additionally, Transport for NSW is the only Government agency in Australia which has a dedicated team responsible for engaging and working with infrastructure sector stakeholders to co-create solutions to sector wide challenges.

Further information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 289

289. Can the Minister please advise of the Government's plan to establish a long-term growth funding program to improve bus services to underserved communities around the state?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working in collaboration with the Bus Industry Taskforce to develop a long-term growth funding program to improve bus services across NSW.

Question no: 290

290. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW undertaking organisational change to become more focused on delivering services by mode, including the agency creating a division headed by a coordinator-general accountable for bus, ferry, and light rail, reporting directly to the secretary?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is simplifying its operating model to better support the delivery of an integrated, reliable and safe transport network across the state.

The Co-ordinator General was appointed in August 2023.

Question no: 291

291. Can the Minister please advise what further measures are being considered to improve bus driver recruitment and retention?

Answer:

I am advised:

The response to bus driver shortages is a multi-faceted approach with a number of initiatives in place to support the recruitment and retention of bus drivers both through Bus Industry Taskforce recommendations and business as usual practices.

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 292

292. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW investigating ways to better use technology and training so that staff in the Transport Management Centre, marshals and station staff can better coordinate public transport service disruptions?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has identified key tactical and strategic focus areas to enhance the ability of the Transport Management Centre, marshalls and station staff to better coordinate public transport service disruptions and further work is ongoing.

Question no: 293

293. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW reconsidering the way it manages replacement and emergency bussing and progress to establish a team that has the accountability, authority, and capability to deliver contingent buses for major events, planned replacement services and unplanned incidents?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is progressing Recommendation 7.1 of the Bus Industry Taskforce First Report in relation to the management of emergency, major event and planned replacement services to ensure this accountability is transferred to the Transport for NSW Coordinator General.

Question no: 294

294. Can the Minister please advise whether all Sydney Metro City stations are on track to be completed on schedule?
(a) If not, which stations are not on track and why?

Answer:

I am advised:

Metro rail is being extended from the end of the Sydney Metro North West Line at Chatswood under Sydney Harbour, through new underground city stations to Sydenham, opening in 2024 and onto Bankstown in 2025.

A final conversion shutdown of up to 12 months is required on the T3 Bankstown Line before metro services begin. This shutdown will begin between July and October 2024. A comprehensive temporary transport plan will be in place throughout the conversion to ensure passengers can get to where they need to go.

Question no: 295

295. Can the Minister please advise in what month in 2024 will sections of Martin Place Plaza used during construction will begin reopening to the public?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sections of Martin Place Plaza used during construction will begin reopening to the public in Q1 2024.

Question no: 296

296. Can the Minister please advise in what month the five new purpose-built incident response vessels for NSW Maritime will enter service?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 297

297. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Sydney Metro Independent Review's analysis of forecast final costs for all projects?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 15.

Question no: 298

298. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Sydney Metro Independent Review's assessment of the impacts of the current Australian infrastructure market and capacity?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 15.

Question no: 299

299. Can the Minister please provide an update on the priorities for future extensions identified by the Sydney Metro Independent Review?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 15.

Question no: 300

300. Can the Minister please provide an update on the findings from the real time monitoring of region 10 bus services?

Answer:

I am advised:

In October 2023, the rate of cancelled and incomplete trips for Region 10 was 0.69 per cent which is slightly higher than target of 0.5 per cent. Cancellation rates have improved since the end of September 2023.

In October 2023, the Region 10 On Time Running result achieved 92.07 per cent, compared with the contract target of 95 per cent.

Focused recruitment efforts have allowed U-Go Mobility to make progress in reducing the driver vacancy rate, with a net increase of 30 qualified drivers and an 8 per cent reduction in the vacancy rate since week ending 16 July 2023.

U-Go Mobility is working closely with Transport for NSW to address all customer feedback through focussed investigations and detailed responses.

Question no: 301

301. Can the Minister please advise on what date in 2023 it is expected that a full test trip from Tallawong to Sydenham replicating operational journey times will take place?

Answer:

I am advised:

A full trip replicating operational journey times is expected to be carried out in December 2023.

Question no: 302

302. Can the Minister please advise what is involved in the "integration mode testing" phase for the new twin metro tunnels to Sydenham?

Answer:

I am advised:

Integration mode testing involves connecting all the systems and interfaces to create a single railway, including trains, signalling, communications, power control, radio, track and overhead wire. This ensures the network can connect seamlessly from the existing North West Metro to the new Sydney Metro City & Southwest section.

Question no: 303

303. Can the Minister please advise on what date it is expected that the total 11,000 hours of testing will be completed on the new metro tunnels to Sydenham?

Answer:

I am advised:

The testing is expected to be completed in 2024, ahead of the commencement of the trial running phase.

Question no: 304

304. Can the Minister please advise whether she held discussions with the Rail Tram and Bus Union regarding the manufacturing of ferries in NSW prior to the granting of a construction contract to Tasmanian company Richardson Devine Marine Constructions?

Answer:

I am advised:

In line with M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, Ministers' diaries are published quarterly on the NSW Government Website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures/2023>

Question no: 305

305. Can the Minister please advise whether she held discussions with the Maritime Union of Australia, Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers or Australian Maritime Officers Union regarding the manufacturing of ferries in NSW prior to the granting of a construction contract to Tasmanian company Richardson Devine Marine Constructions?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 304.

Question no: 306

306. Can the Minister please advise what NSW based construction companies were considered for the awarding of the contract to build seven new ferries for the Parramatta River?

Answer:

I am advised:

No NSW based ship builder submitted a proposal in final tender process to build seven new ferries for the Parramatta River.

Question no: 307

307. Can the Minister please advise what steps the NSW Government is taking to ensure the next batch of new ferries following the seven new ferries for the Parramatta River, will be built in NSW?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will continue to work with potential proponents, local industry, and other government agencies, to identify gaps in local manufacturing and provide opportunity to develop local industries.

Question no: 308

308. What is the lightship displacement for each of the following ferries, that are either owned by Transport for NSW or chartered, that operate in the Sydney Ferries network?

- (a) Alexander
- (b) Balmoral
- (c) Borrowdale
- (d) Bungaree
- (e) Catherine Hamlin
- (f) Charlotte
- (g) Cheryl Salisbury
- (h) Clontarf
- (i) Collaroy
- (j) Dawn Fraser
- (k) Esme Timbery
- (l) Ethel Turner
- (m) Evonne Goolagong
- (n) Fairlight
- (o) Fishburn
- (p) Fred Hollows
- (q) Freshwater
- (r) Friendship
- (s) Golden Grove

- (t) Kurt Fearnley
- (u) Lauren Jackson
- (v) Liz Ellis
- (w) Louise Sauvage
- (x) Margaret Olley
- (y) Marjorie Jackson
- (z) Marlene Mathews
- (aa) Mary Reibey
- (bb) May Gibbs
- (cc) Me-Mel
- (dd) Narrabeen
- (ee) Nicole Livingstone
- (ff) Olive Cotton
- (gg) Pam Burrige
- (hh) Pemulwuy
- (ii) Queenscliff
- (jj) Ruby Langford
- (kk) Ruth Park
- (ll) Scarborough
- (mm) Shane Gould
- (nn) Sirius
- (oo) SuperCat 4
- (pp) Supply
- (qq) Victor Chang
- (rr) Violet Mckenzie

Answer:

I am advised:

The table below provides the vessel type, name of the vessel, maximum operating displacement tonnes, and the lightship tonnes.

Vessel Type	Name	Max Displacement Tonnes	Lightship Tonnes
Freshwater	FRESHWATER	1153	916
Freshwater	QUEENSCLIFF	1153	916
Freshwater	COLLARROY	1329	973
Freshwater	Narrabeen	1175	916
First Fleet	ALEXANDER	115	74
First Fleet	BORROWDALE	114	73
First Fleet	CHARLOTTE	105	70
First Fleet	FISHBURN	111	75
First Fleet	FRIENDSHIP	115	74
First Fleet	GOLDEN GROVE	105	70
First Fleet	SCARBOROUGH	105	70
First Fleet	SIRIUS	101	66
First Fleet	SUPPLY	105	69

RiverCat	DAWN FRASER	63	46
RiverCat	BETTY CUTHBERT	64	40
RiverCat	EVONNE GOOLAGONG	68	44
RiverCat	MARJORIE JACKSON	68	44
RiverCat	MARLENE MATHEWS	65	41
RiverCat	NICOLE LIVINGSTONE	61	47
RiverCat	SHANE GOULD	67	43
HarbourCat	ANNE SARGEANT	42	27
HarbourCat	PAM BURRIDGE	41	28
SuperCat	LOUISE SAUVAGE	78	53
SuperCat	SUPERCAT 4	79	54
SuperCat	SUSIE O'NEILL	78	52
SuperCat	Saint Mary MacKillop	78	53
Emerald Gen 1	CATHERINE HAMLIN	118	73
Emerald Gen 1	FRED HOLLOWS	118	73
Emerald Gen 1	VICTOR CHANG	118	73
Emerald Gen 1	PEMULWUY	118	73
Emerald Gen 1	BUNGAREE	118	73
Emerald Gen 1	MAY GIBBS	118	73
Emerald Gen 2	BALMORAL	125	79
Emerald Gen 2	CLONTARF	125	79
Emerald Gen 2	FAIRLIGHT	125	79
Riverclass	ESME TIMBERY	52	31
Riverclass	MARGARET OLLEY	52	31
Riverclass	ETHEL TURNER	52	31
Riverclass	RUBY LANGFORD GINIBI	52	31
Riverclass	LAUREN JACKSON	52	31
Riverclass	LIZ ELLIS	52	31
Riverclass	RUTH PARK	52	31
Riverclass	KURT FEARNLEY	52	31
Riverclass	OLIVE COTTON	52	31
Riverclass	CHERYL SALISBURY	52	31
MiniCat	ME-MEL	20	13

Question no: 309

309. What is the maximum operating displacement for each of the following ferries, that are either owned by Transport for NSW or chartered, that operate in the Sydney Ferries network?

- (a) Alexander
- (b) Balmoral
- (c) Borrowdale
- (d) Bungaree
- (e) Catherine Hamlin
- (f) Charlotte
- (g) Cheryl Salisbury

- (h) Clontarf
- (i) Collaroy
- (j) Dawn Fraser
- (k) Esme Timbery
- (l) Ethel Turner
- (m) Evonne Goolagong
- (n) Fairlight
- (o) Fishburn
- (p) Fred Hollows
- (q) Freshwater
- (r) Friendship
- (s) Golden Grove
- (t) Kurt Fearnley
- (u) Lauren Jackson
- (v) Liz Ellis
- (w) Louise Sauvage
- (x) Margaret Olley
- (y) Marjorie Jackson
- (z) Marlene Mathews
- (aa) Mary Reibey
- (bb) May Gibbs
- (cc) Me-Mel
- (dd) Narrabeen
- (ee) Nicole Livingstone
- (ff) Olive Cotton
- (gg) Pam Burrige
- (hh) Pemulwuy
- (ii) Queenscliff
- (jj) Ruby Langford
- (kk) Ruth Park
- (ll) Scarborough
- (mm) Shane Gould
- (nn) Sirius
- (oo) SuperCat 4
- (pp) Supply
- (qq) Victor Chang
- (rr) Violet Mckenzie

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 308.

Question no: 310

310. As at 7 November 2023, what is the maximum vessel displacement that each berth at the following wharves in the Sydney Ferries network is certified for?

- (a) Circular Quay
- (b) Manly
- (c) Taronga Zoo
- (d) Milsons Point
- (e) McMahons Point
- (f) Barangaroo
- (g) Balmain East

- (h) Balmain
- (i) Cockatoo Island
- (j) Drummoyne
- (k) Huntleys Point
- (l) Chiswick
- (m) Abbotsford
- (n) Cabarita
- (o) Kissing Point
- (p) Meadowbank
- (q) Sydney Olympic Park
- (r) Rydalmere
- (s) Parramatta
- (t) Pyrmont Bay
- (u) Kirribilli
- (v) North Sydney
- (w) Neutral Bay
- (x) Kurraba Point
- (y) Cremorne Point
- (z) South Mosman
- (aa) Old Cremorne
- (bb) Mosman Bay
- (cc) Garden Island
- (dd) Darling Point
- (ee) Double Bay
- (ff) Birchgrove
- (gg) Greenwich Point
- (hh) Woolwich
- (ii) Rose Bay
- (jj) Watsons Bay
- (kk) Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

310. Current data is provided below, noting some wharves are currently in the process of being reassessed:

Item	Wharf Name	Maximum Displacement (t)
a	Circular Quay No 2	400
	Circular Quay No 3	1329
	Circular Quay No 4	400
	Circular Quay No 5	400
	Circular Quay No 6	1200
	Circular Quay One (Main Berth)	1400
	Circular Quay One (Eastern Pontoon North)	5
	Circular Quay One (Eastern Pontoon South)	5
	b	Manly 1 (Main Wharf) - West
Manly 2 (Main Wharf) - East		1329

	Manly 3 (Wharf East)	100
	Manly 3 (Wharf East) - Sw Face	3.6
c	Taronga Zoo	400
d	Milsons Point - Luna Park (East)	400
	Milsons Point - Luna Park (West)	400
e	Mcmahons Point - Henry Lawson Avenue	400
f	Barangaroo - Wharf 1	400
	Barangaroo - Wharf 2	400
g	Balmain East- Darling Street	400
h	Balmain - Thames Street	400
i	Cockatoo Island	400
j	Drummoyne - Wolseley Street	400
k	Huntleys Point (New)	400
	Huntleys Point (Old)	100
l	Chiswick - Bortfield Drive	200
m	Abbotsford - Great North Road	200
n	Cabarita Point	200
o	Kissing Point - Kissing Point Park	200
p	Meadowbank	200
q	Sydney Olympic Park (Homebush Bay - Benelong Road)	400
r	Rydalmere - John Street	200
s	Parramatta - Charles Street	200
t	Pymont Bay Wharf	400
u	Kirribilli - Beulah Street	200
	Kirribilli - Holbrook Avenue	200
	Kirribilli - Jeffrey Street	200
v	North Sydney - High Street	200
w	Neutral Bay - Hayes Street	400
x	Kurraba Point - Kurraba Road	50
y	Cremorne Point - Milson Road	400
z	Mosman South - Musgrave Street	400
aa	Old Cremorne - Green Street	400
bb	Mosman Bay - Avenue Road	400

cc	Garden Island	Not maintained by Transport for NSW
dd	Darling Point - Mckell Park	100
ee	Double Bay - Bay Street	100
ff	Birchgrove - Louisa Road	200
gg	Greenwich - Bay Street	50
	Greenwich Point Wharf - Mitchell Street	50
hh	Woolwich - Valentia Street	200
ii	Rose Bay- Lyne Park (New)	400
	Rose Bay- Lyne Park (Old)	100
jj	Watsons Bay - Military Road (South)	200
	Watsons Bay - Military Road (West)	100
kk	Blackwattle Bay	Not maintained by Transport for NSW

Question no: 311

311. Since 28 March 2023, what maintenance has occurred on each of the following wharves in the Sydney Ferries network? If so, what dates did this maintenance occur?

- (a) Circular Quay
- (b) Manly
- (c) Taronga Zoo
- (d) Milsons Point
- (e) McMahons Point
- (f) Barangaroo
- (g) Balmain East
- (h) Balmain
- (i) Cockatoo Island
- (j) Drummoyne
- (k) Huntleys Point
- (l) Chiswick
- (m) Abbotsford
- (n) Cabarita
- (o) Kissing Point
- (p) Meadowbank
- (q) Sydney Olympic Park
- (r) Rydalmere
- (s) Parramatta
- (t) Pyrmont Bay
- (u) Kirribilli
- (v) North Sydney
- (w) Neutral Bay
- (x) Kurraba Point
- (y) Cremorne Point
- (z) South Mosman
- (aa) Old Cremorne
- (bb) Mosman Bay
- (cc) Garden Island

- (dd) Darling Point
- (ee) Double Bay
- (ff) Birchgrove
- (gg) Greenwich Point
- (hh) Woolwich
- (ii) Rose Bay
- (jj) Watsons Bay
- (kk) Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW undertakes maintenance of wharves for the safety and reliability of their operations.

Garden Island and Blackwattle Bay are not maintained by Transport for NSW.

Question no: 312

312. Since 28 March 2023, have any of the following wharves been temporarily closed due to maintenance? If so, what dates were the wharves closed?

- (a) Circular Quay
- (b) Manly
- (c) Taronga Zoo
- (d) Milsons Point
- (e) McMahons Point
- (f) Barangaroo
- (g) Balmain East
- (h) Balmain
- (i) Cockatoo Island
- (j) Drummoyne
- (k) Huntleys Point
- (l) Chiswick
- (m) Abbotsford
- (n) Cabarita
- (o) Kissing Point
- (p) Meadowbank
- (q) Sydney Olympic Park
- (r) Rydalmere
- (s) Parramatta
- (t) Pyrmont Bay
- (u) Kirribilli
- (v) North Sydney
- (w) Neutral Bay
- (x) Kurraba Point
- (y) Cremorne Point
- (z) South Mosman
- (aa) Old Cremorne
- (bb) Mosman Bay
- (cc) Garden Island
- (dd) Darling Point
- (ee) Double Bay
- (ff) Birchgrove

- (gg) Greenwich Point
- (hh) Woolwich
- (ii) Rose Bay
- (jj) Watsons Bay
- (kk) Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

Since 28 March 2023, the following wharves have been temporarily closed due to maintenance:

- Double Bay: 13 June – 21 December 2023
- Kurraba Point: 4 July – 20 July 2023
- Manly Wharf 3: 9 October – 28 October 2023
- Old Cremorne: 23 October – 6 December 2023.

Garden Island and Blackwattle Bay wharves are not maintained by Transport for NSW.

Question no: 313

313. Since 28 March 2023, has maintenance or upgrades resulted in a decrease in the maximum vessel displacement that any of the following wharves are certified for?

- (a) Circular Quay
- (b) Manly
- (c) Taronga Zoo
- (d) Milsons Point
- (e) McMahons Point
- (f) Barangaroo
- (g) Balmain East
- (h) Balmain
- (i) Cockatoo Island
- (j) Drummoyne
- (k) Huntleys Point
- (l) Chiswick
- (m) Abbotsford
- (n) Cabarita
- (o) Kissing Point
- (p) Meadowbank
- (q) Sydney Olympic Park
- (r) Rydalmere
- (s) Parramatta
- (t) Pyrmont Bay
- (u) Kirribilli
- (v) North Sydney
- (w) Neutral Bay
- (x) Kurraba Point
- (y) Cremorne Point
- (z) South Mosman
- (aa) Old Cremorne
- (bb) Mosman Bay
- (cc) Garden Island

- (dd) Darling Point
- (ee) Double Bay
- (ff) Birchgrove
- (gg) Greenwich Point
- (hh) Woolwich
- (ii) Rose Bay
- (jj) Watsons Bay
- (kk) Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

On 20 November 2023, Kurraba Point wharf has been derated to 50 tonnes until planned maintenance has been complete.

Question no: 314

314. Since 28 March 2023, what vessel classes typically operate each of the following routes in the Sydney Ferries network?

- (a) F1 Manly
- (b) F2 Taronga Zoo
- (c) F3 Parramatta River
- (d) F4 Pyrmont Bay
- (e) F5 Neutral Bay
- (f) F6 Mosman Bay
- (g) F7 Double Bay
- (h) F8 Cockatoo Island
- (i) F9 Watsons Bay
- (j) F10 Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) F1 Manly – Freshwater, Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II
- (b) F2 Taronga Zoo – First Fleet, Emerald Gen I, SuperCat, RiverClass
- (c) F3 Parramatta River – RiverClass, RiverCat, SuperCat
- (d) F4 Pyrmont Bay – First Fleet, Emerald Gen I, SuperCat, RiverClass
- (e) F5 Neutral Bay – First Fleet, Emerald Gen 1
- (f) F6 Mosman Bay – First Fleet, Emerald Gen 1
- (g) F7 Double Bay – First Fleet
- (h) F8 Cockatoo Island - First Fleet
- (i) F9 Watsons Bay – Emerald Gen 1
- (j) F10 Blackwattle Bay – MiniCat/Me-Mel.

Question no: 315

315. What vessel classes are certified to operate each of the following routes in the Sydney Ferries network?

- (a) F1 Manly

- (b) F2 Taronga Zoo
- (c) F3 Parramatta River
- (d) F4 Pyrmont Bay
- (e) F5 Neutral Bay
- (f) F6 Mosman Bay
- (g) F7 Double Bay
- (h) F8 Cockatoo Island
- (i) F9 Watsons Bay
- (j) F10 Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

- a) F1 Manly – Freshwater, Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass – some vessels subject to swell height restrictions and RiverClass not currently internally endorsed by Transdev Sydney Ferries.
- b) F2 Taronga Zoo – Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass.
- c) F3 Parramatta River - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass – some vessels subject to depth restrictions, speed of vessel limits use on timetable services for some vessels.
- d) F4 Pyrmont Bay - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass.
- e) F5 Neutral Bay - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass
- f) F6 Mosman Bay - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass.
- g) F7 Double Bay - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass.
- h) F8 Cockatoo Island - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass.
- i) F9 Watsons Bay - Emerald Gen I, Emerald Gen II, First Fleet, SuperCat, RiverCat, RiverClass – some vessels subject to service speed restriction.
- j) F10 Blackwattle Bay – Mincat/Me-Mel.

Question no: 316

316. Since 28 March 2023, have vessels been chartered to operate services for the following routes? If so, what are the names of each vessel?

- (a) F1 Manly
- (b) F2 Taronga Zoo
- (c) F3 Parramatta River
- (d) F4 Pyrmont Bay
- (e) F5 Neutral Bay
- (f) F6 Mosman Bay
- (g) F7 Double Bay
- (h) F8 Cockatoo Island
- (i) F9 Watsons Bay
- (j) F10 Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

Transdev Sydney Ferries charters vessels if required to operate on various routes and does not usually hire for a specific route. This is applicable for all routes except F1 and F10 where there were no charters.

Vessels used on other routes include:

- Alice
- Annabelle Rankin
- Fantasea Spirit
- 8 Seasons
- Mary Reibey
- Megan
- Violet Mackenzie

Question no: 317

317. Since 28 March 2023, what has been the cost of chartering vessels to operate each of the following routes in the Sydney Ferries network?

- (a) F1 Manly
- (b) F2 Taronga Zoo
- (c) F3 Parramatta River
- (d) F4 Pyrmont Bay
- (e) F5 Neutral Bay
- (f) F6 Mosman Bay
- (g) F7 Double Bay
- (h) F8 Cockatoo Island
- (i) F9 Watsons Bay
- (j) F10 Blackwattle Bay

Answer:

I am advised:

The costs associated with chartering vessels have been managed from within existing agency resources.

Question no: 318

318. Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairmans Club?

- (a) Have you ever previously been a member? When did you cease to be a member?
- (b) When did you initially become a member?
- (c) When was this declared on the Ministerial gifts register?

Answer:

I am advised:

Membership of the Qantas Chairmans Club has been declared via both Parliamentary Ordinary Return and the Ministerial gifts register.

Question no: 319

319. How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
 (a) 28 March 2023?
 (b) 23 October 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding senior executives is publicly available in Annual Reports.

Question no: 320

320. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information about senior executive remuneration is publicly available in Annual Reports. Salaries and wages are included under employee related expenses in the Financial Statements of the Annual Report.

Question no: 321

321. How many individuals were employed as internal legal counsel by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
 (a) 28 March 2023?
 (b) 23 October 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Based on a search of 'legal', 'lawyer', with administrative roles removed.

(a) 28 March 2023

DoT	NSWT	OTSI	Syd Metro	Syd Trains	TAHE	TfNSW	TOTAL
0	0	0	25	0	4	90	119

(b) 23 October 2023

DoT	NSWT	OTSI	Syd Metro	Syd Trains	TAHE	TfNSW	TOTAL
0	0	0	27	1	4	91	123

Question no: 322

322. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Salaries and wages are included under employee related expenses in the Financial Statements of the Annual Report.

Question no: 323

323. How many redundancies were processed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
(a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
i. Voluntary
ii. Forced
(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Answer:

I am advised:

Redundancies are published in Annual Reports under employee related expenses.

Question no: 324

324. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Answer:

I am advised:

The employment of former Ministerial office staff is not tracked.

Ministerial office staff must comply with their ethical obligations under the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, including after the cessation of the employment.

Question no: 325

325. How many staff were dismissed from each Department/agency under your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

The termination of an employee is treated confidentially and is managed in accordance with *the Government Sector Employment Act 2013* and relevant accompanying policies.

Question no: 326

326. Without identifying individuals, what were the reason(s) for each dismissal?

Answer:

I am advised:

The termination of an employee is treated confidentially and is managed in accordance with *the Government Sector Employment Act 2013* and relevant accompanying policies.

Question no: 327

327. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

Question no: 328

328. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?

Answer:

I am advised:

Internal mobility is encouraged and acting arrangements are supported as part of the Department's Performance Development Framework.

Question no: 329

329. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW continues to employ a hybrid working model based on corporate and operational needs.

Question no: 330

330. Do any senior executive service employees in any of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities have a driver that is paid for by the Department/agency?

(a) If so, what is the number of senior executive service employees that have a driver, and which senior executive service employees have a driver?

(b) How much was spent on these drivers since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

No senior executive service employees have a dedicated driver.

Question no: 331

331. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

Answer:

I am advised:

All domestic and international travel bookings for official business must be made through the NSW Government's approved travel management supplier. Official travel is taken in accordance with the NSW Government travel policy.

Question no: 332

332. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
- (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?

Answer:

I am advised:

Official travel is taken in accordance with the NSW Government travel policy.

Question no: 333

333. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on overseas flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
- (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?

Answer:

I am advised:

Official travel is taken in accordance with the NSW Government travel policy. Travel costs are publicly available in Annual Reports.

Question no: 334

334. What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:

- (a) Taxi hire?
- (b) Ridesharing services?
- (c) Limousine/private car hire?
- (d) Hire car rental?

Answer:

I am advised:

These items are contained within the travel costs category in Annual Reports.

Question no: 335

335. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023

Answer:

I am advised:

Catering provided for official purposes may be funded from the Ministerial office budget.

As Members of Parliament, Ministers have credit facilities extended to them for dining and hospitality at Parliament House. The facilities may be used for business or private purposes.

Question no: 336

336. How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Hospitality costs, including catering and beverages are contained within the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report.

Question no: 337

337. Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?
(a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministers are required to declare to the Secretary of TCO certain gifts and hospitality with a market value of more than \$500 under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code. This is a continuous obligation for which Ministers are personally responsible.

I comply with my obligations under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code.

Question no: 338

338. Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
(a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
(b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared publicly?
(c) Do staff declare their gifts publicly?

Answer:

I am advised:

All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so.

The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. These disclosures are kept on the Office Holder's Register of Gifts and Benefits.

If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.

Question no: 339

339. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?

Answer:

I am advised:

Details are contained in the Transport for NSW Annual Report under the heading 'Payment of accounts'.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Transport for NSW Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Transport for NSW Annual Report 2023-24.

Question no: 340

340. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 30 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 339.

Question no: 341

341. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 60 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
(a) What was the penalty for paying suppliers or contactors late, broken down by agency?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 339.

Question no: 342

342. Has your Ministerial car been subject to any traffic or parking fines?
(a) If so, please provide details of each fine?
(b) Who was driving the car at the time of each incident?
(c) Who paid any of the fines?

Answer:

I am advised:

This matter is the subject of a Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) (Cross-14) release, reference number PD_A5881802 that can be found on the Premier's Department disclosure log.

Where a fine is incurred the payment of the fine is the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle.

Question no: 343

343. Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?
(a) If so, who was driving the car?

Answer:

I am advised:

The department does not record these types of events.

Question no: 344

344. Has the Minister been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment?

Answer:

I am advised:

Any complaint or disclosure made under the Respectful Workplace Policy is confidential. The Respectful Workplace Policy applies to all Ministerial Offices and staff and is published on the Cabinet Office's Website. As noted in the Goward review, a key aspect of effective workplace complaint policies is confidentiality in the complaint and investigation process. Confidentiality ensures that staff feel safe about raising concerns and confident that action will be taken in response.

Question no: 345

345. Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
(a) What was the individual amount of each contract?
(b) What is the purpose of each contract?
(c) Who was the contract with?
(d) Did the contract go to a competitive tender?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 346.

Question no: 346

346. How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

Answer:

I am advised:

Financial Statements, including legal, consulting, travel related expenses and any other general costs from third party service providers, are contained in agency/department annual reports.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of 2022-23 agency/department annual reports.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the 2023-24 agency/department annual reports.

Question no: 347

347. Have any Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 28 March 2023:

- (a) Social media?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (b) Photography?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (c) Videography?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (d) Acting training?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (e) Ergonomics?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 346.

Question no: 348

348. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
 - i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (d) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
 - i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
 - i. What was the total value of those purchases?
 - ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?

- iii. Were all those amounts repaid?
- iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (g) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder's employment grade?
 - i. What amount was repaid, in full?
 - ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
 - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
 - (i) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

Answer:

I am advised:

The use and management of purchasing (credit) cards for official purposes is in accordance with the Transport for NSW Purchasing Card Policy which is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 349

349. Was an efficiency dividend applied to any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities in the 2023-24 NSW Budget?
- (a) If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each Department/agency?
 - (b) What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) and (b) Efficiency dividends are applied at a whole of Transport portfolio level across all agencies.

Transport operating savings include:

- Reducing labour hire.
- Reducing spending on consultants.
- Reducing advertising spend (excluding road safety campaigns).
- Reducing travel costs.
- Reducing legal expenses.
- Reducing the number of senior executives across the public sector
- Freezing levels of pay for public sector senior executives.

Question no: 350

350. How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
 - (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
 - (c) If so, what were the reasons provided?
 - (d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
 - (e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
 - (f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
 - i. Date received.
 - ii. Date acknowledged.
 - iii. Date responded.

iv. The description provided for the information sought.

Answer:

I am advised:

Details can be found on the Minister for Transport's disclosure log on the Transport for NSW website.

Question no: 351

351. How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
(a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
(b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
i. If so, what were the reasons provided?
(g) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
(h) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
(i) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
i. Date received.
ii. Date acknowledged.
iii. Date responded.
iv. The description provided for the information sought

Answer:

I am advised:

Information concerning an agency's obligations under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the Act) is included in the relevant agency's annual report.

Question no: 352

352. Have any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilised the services of Labour Hire Firms since 28 March 2023? If yes, please advise in table form:
(a) The names of the firms utilised.
(b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged.
(c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
(d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
(e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company.
(f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company.
(g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company.

Answer:

I am advised:

Contractor costs are publicly available in Annual Reports.

Transport agencies act in accordance with the mandatory whole-of-government Contingent Workforce Scheme. Information on Contractor Central and the Scheme, including registered suppliers can be found on the NSW Procurement Buy NSW website.

Question no: 353

353. How much has your ministerial office spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

Answer:

I am advised:

Department and agency expenditure is published in Annual Reports and on OpenGov NSW.

Question no: 354

354. How much has each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

Answer:

I am advised:

Department and agency expenditure on advertising is published in Annual Reports and on OpenGov NSW.

Question no: 355

355. Have you had media training or public speaking training?

- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
- (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

No.

Question no: 356

356. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies and what is the total cost to employ these advisers?

Answer:

I am advised:

Sydney Metro has four media roles supporting the delivery of three megaprojects in construction (Metro West, City & Southwest and Western Sydney Airport), and the operational Metro North West line.

Transport for NSW has a current headcount of 47 in its media branch which services Sydney Trains, NSW Trains, ferries, buses and other transport modes across NSW and all state roads. As well as operations, the team covers transport policy including point to point, road safety, and freight, regulation and major projects. Staffing levels in 2023 are consistent with 2022 levels.

(Other positions with the word 'media' in the title that deliver graphic or collateral design services have been excluded.)

Salaries and wages are included under employee related expenses in the Financial Statements of the Annual Report.

Question no: 357

357. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities and their total cost?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 356.

Question no: 358

358. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Answer:

I am advised:

Media monitoring services are provided to Transport for NSW via a Whole of Government engagement led by the Premier's Department.

Question no: 359

359. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.

Answer:

I am advised:

Customers do not pay any merchant fee or credit card/debit card fee for transactions made with Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains or NSW Trains.

Customers do pay fees when transacting directly with Point-to-Point Commission and Service NSW.

Question no: 360

360. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.

Answer:

I am advised:

Merchant fees are embedded in individual credit card payments. Percentages will vary by supplier and the nature of the transaction.

Question no: 361

361. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments made by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Financial Statements, including legal, travel related expenses and any other general costs, are contained in agency/department annual reports.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of 2022-23 agency/department annual reports.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the 2023-24 agency/department annual reports.

Question no: 362

362. Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023?
(h) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?

Answer:

I am advised:

Disclosure obligation for Ministers under Part 2 (Standing disclosure of interests), Part 3 (Conflicts of Interest) and Part 4 (Gifts and Hospitality) of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code are continuous. Ministers are required to:

- Notify the Premier of a change to their pecuniary and other interests as soon as practicable after the change has occurred
- Notify the Premier of a change to pecuniary and other interests held by their immediate family members, as soon as practicable after the change has occurred
- Notify the Premier promptly of conflicts of interest.

Question no: 363

363. What brand of paper is used in your office?

- (a) Is it recycled paper?
- (b) Is it Australian made paper?

Answer:

I am advised:

Office supplies are purchased in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

Question no: 364

364. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS6 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website: <https://nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

Question no: 365

365. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS5 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 364.

Question no: 366

366. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS4 grade for the following months:

- (a) April

- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 364.

Question no: 367

367. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS3 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 364.

Question no: 368

368. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS2 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 364.

Question no: 369

369. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS1 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 364.

Question no: 370

370. What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 364.

Question no: 371

371. How many DLOs were seconded to your ministerial office for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

Answer:

I am advised:

Information relating to Department Liaison Officers is available on the Disclosure Log: Government Information {Public Access} Act 2009 (the GIPA Act), reference number PD_A5833715.

Question no: 372

372. How many staff in your office are employed as 'caucus liaison officers'?

- (a) What are the responsibilities allocated to 'caucus liaison officers'?
- (b) Have 'caucus liaison officers' been directed to only work with Government MPs?
- (c) Do 'caucus liaison officers' contact members of the Australian Labor Party as part of their regular work duties?

Answer:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

Question no: 373

373. How many staff members employed in your office under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 have been seconded from a NSW Government Department/agency?
(a) Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.

Answer:

I am advised:

NSW Government sector employees may be seconded from agencies to Ministers' offices in accordance with clause 35 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014 (GSE Regulation).

Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

Question no: 374

374. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?
(a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?

Answer:

I am advised:

Minister's office budgets are drawn from the Premier's Department annual financial allocation to cover employee related expenses, accommodation, and other operating expenses. Further information relating to Ministers' Office Budgets is available in the Ministers Office Handbook.

Question no: 375

375. How many iPhones/Smart Phones are assigned to staff in your ministerial office?
(a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2022-23?
(b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.

Minister's staff may use mobile telephones for business and (reasonable use) private purposes.

Under the current mobile plans all local and Australia-wide calls to land lines/mobiles and texts are included in the plan. Premium service calls, international calls and global roaming services are outside of the plan and may be still chargeable based on the

principles below.

Ministers' staff mobile phone charges are paid from the Ministers' office budget except for the items listed below, which need to be paid as a private expense:

- Personal international calls from within Australia
- Personal travel related global roaming charges
- Personal premium number service calls

Any personal calls which are outside the plan need to be declared and paid for monthly. Declarations are not required otherwise.

The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

Question no: 376

376. How many iPads or tablets are assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

- (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
- (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.

The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

Question no: 377

377. How many laptops has the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

- (a) What was the cost of providing laptops to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
- (b) How many laptops have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.

The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement

arrangements.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

Question no: 378

378. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

(a) What is the cost of this?

Answer:

I am advised:

Purchase or lease of artwork for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of purchasing or leasing artwork for official purposes are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet 2022-23.

Question no: 379

379. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

Answer:

I am advised:

Hire or lease of floral displays or indoor plants is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of hiring or leasing floral displays or indoor plants are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

Question no: 380

380. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of stationery are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's

Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23

Question no: 381

381. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals, and periodicals since 28 March 2023?
(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?

Answer:

I am advised:

The total cost of all subscriptions is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of subscriptions are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

Question no: 382

382. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023?
(a) What were the gifts purchased?
i. Who were they gifted to?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Ministers' Office Handbook outlines that the decision to present a gift is at the discretion of the Minister, having regard to both appropriateness and economy. Gifts may be appropriate, for example, where given as a memento of an official visit or as a small token of appreciation. However, gifts should not be given with the purpose, or in circumstances where they could be perceived as having the purpose, of inducing favourable treatment.

In accordance with the Premier's Department and The Cabinet Office's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, a register of official gifts presented by the Premier will be reported by the Premier's Department at the end of each financial year as required under the provisions of Treasurer's Direction TD21-04 and TD22-27.

Question no: 383

383. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

Answer:

I am advised:

Non-standard accessories fitted to Ministerial vehicles are for business, security, and safety related reasons, in accordance with the NSW Government Motor Vehicle Operational guidelines.

Question no: 384

384. What is the total spend for your office since 28 March 2023 for:

- (a) Taxi hire?
- (b) Ridesharing services?
- (c) Hire car rental?
- (d) Limousine/private car hire?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Ministers' Office Handbook outlines that taxis or ride share services are an option for business trips, including trips:

- Home after evening duty (e.g., when Parliament is sitting, when required to perform the duties of the job, etc.) where public transport is not reasonably available or where it may be unsafe to use public transport. Generally, use of taxis for these purposes would occur after 8:00pm.
- To or from the airport in connection with early morning or late-night flights on official trips.
- To meetings when it would be unsafe or uneconomical to use public transport. Costs are managed within Ministerial office budgets.

Question no: 385

385. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If yes, please provide details of the trip including the date of the trip, purpose of the trip, the method of transport and the cost?

Answer:

I am advised:

All domestic and international travel bookings for official business must be made through the NSW Government's approved travel management supplier, this is currently FCM Travel Solutions.

Travel covered by the NSW Government contract includes:

- commercial and charter air travel
- accommodation
- ground transport (car hire, rail, coach, and ferry).

Financial commitments for travel expenditure from the Ministers' office budget need to be made within office arrangements approved by the Chief of Staff as an authorised financial delegate.

Where a Minister, or employee of the Minister's office undertakes travel, travel is taken in

accordance with the NSW government travel policy and the Ministers' Office Handbook. The Premier's Department website also details PD_A5842315, "Domestic and international travel of NSW Ministers and their offices" that has been released under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Question no: 386

386. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

Question no: 387

387. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.

Question no: 388

388. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.

Question no: 389

389. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.

Question no: 390

390. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?

Answer:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

Question no: 391

391. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?

Answer:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

Question no: 392

392. Have you had any overseas trips paid for using public funds since 28 March 2023?
(a) If yes, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

Answer:

I am advised:

In line with M2015-05-Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, Minister's overseas travel is published on the Premier's Department Website.

Question no: 393

393. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded since 28 March 2023?
(a) If yes, what was the nature of these trips?
(b) Who paid for these trips?

Answer:

I am advised:

In accordance with M2014-02 Ministerial Arrangements During Absences, Ministers who travel overseas are generally required to seek the Governor's authorisation for another Minister to act on their behalf. All acting arrangements approved by the Governor are published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Gifts and Hospitality, including contributions to travel are managed in accordance with the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct

Question no: 394

394. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?

Answer:

I am advised:

Security passes for 52 Martin Place are required to be issued in accordance with the 52 Martin Place security procedures and the associated Privacy and Surveillance Statement.

Question no: 395

395. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?

Answer:

I am advised:

No.

Question no: 396

396. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Please refer to the NSW Parliament Hansard.

Question no: 397

397. What event/meetings has your Parliamentary Secretary attended on your behalf?
(a) Please provide in table form the date and the purpose of the event/meeting.

Answer:

I am advised:

A Parliamentary Secretary shall have and may perform such functions as the Premier may, from time to time, determine in respect of him or her, pursuant to section 38C of the Constitution Act 1902.

The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Ministers' Office Handbook available on the Premier's Department website.

Question no: 398

398. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer:

I am advised:

I regularly meet or speak with my Parliamentary Secretary.

Question no: 399

399. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas since 28 March 2023?

(a) If so, when, and where?

(b) If so, what was the cost of:

i. Airfares?

ii. Accommodation?

iii. Food and beverage?

iv. Transportation?

v. Entertainment?

Answer:

I am advised:

All Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules as Ministers when travelling on official business as a Parliamentary secretary.

Further information is available in the NSW Minister's Office Handbook.

Question no: 400

400. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled domestically since 28 March 2023?

(a) If so, when, and where?

(b) If so, what was the cost of:

i. Airfares?

ii. Accommodation?

iii. Food and beverage?

iv. Transportation?

v. Entertainment?

Answer:

I am advised:

All Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules as Ministers when travelling on official business as a Parliamentary secretary.

Further information is available in the NSW Minister's Office Handbook.

Question no: 401

401. Has your Parliamentary Secretary received training?

(a) If so, was it speech, voice, or media training?

i. If yes, who provided this training, on what date and at what cost?

Answer:

I am advised:

No.

Question no: 402

402. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, since 28 March 2023?

(a) If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.

Answer:

I am advised:

Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), agencies are required to register government contracts valued at \$150,000 (including GST) or more on the NSW Government eTendering website.

The Cabinet Office and the Premier's Department also maintain a register of information relating to contracts with a value of \$30,000 (excluding GST) and above.

Departments are also required to include in their annual report information in relation to consultants engaged by or on behalf of the agency, pursuant to Div. 7.3 of the Government Sector Financial Act 2018 and NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Annual Reporting Requirements TPG23-10.

Question no: 403

403. Have you received any training since becoming a Minister?

(a) If yes, please provide the details of what the training was.

Answer:

I am advised:

All Cabinet Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training.

Ministers will undertake Respectful Workplace Policy Training that will commence in December.

Members of Parliament have a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.

Question no: 404

404. Have you received any speech, vocal or performance training?

(a) If so, what was the cost?

(b) Was this cost covered by the taxpayer?

Answer:

I am advised:

No.

Question no: 405

405. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

All acceptable use of Network Services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical.

The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

Question no: 406

406. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

All acceptable use of Network Services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical.

The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

Question no: 407

407. What review, if any, was undertaken by the Minister following the 2023 NSW election?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 408

408. Why was the decision made to not include funding for the preparation of the Final Business Case in the 2023-24 NSW Budget?
(a) When was this decision made?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 409

409. Is the Strategic Business Case publicly available?
(a) If not, please provide the Strategic Public Case.

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 410

410. What plans does the Government have to ensure a Final Business Case is funded and completed within a reasonable timeframe?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 411

411. What NSW Government programs, including grant programs, exist to support Business Improvement Districts?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 412

412. How many grants have been received by Business Improvement Districts and similar local precincts in Sydney since 2019?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 413

413. Which districts or precincts received funds and how many funds were received in each instance?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 414

414. What is the Community Improvement Districts program?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 415

415. What is the difference between the Community Improvement Districts, and the former Business Improvement District program?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 416

416. What are the governance bodies of current Business Improvement Districts and Community Improvement Districts?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 417

417. Who are the members of the governance bodies of current Business Improvement Districts and Community Improvement Districts?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 418

418. Which governance bodies of current Business Improvement Districts and Community Improvement Districts were established with the support of the NSW Government or NSW Government grant programs?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 419

419. What powers or authority does the NSW Government/ NSW Treasurer/ Transport Minister/ NSW Transport propose that Business Improvement Districts or Community Improvement Districts be granted, in relation to a local district or area they cover?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 420

420. Will Business Improvement Districts or Community Improvement Districts have the power to impose compulsory levies on local businesses?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 421

421. Will Business Improvement Districts or Community Improvement Districts have any powers or control over public streets, public spaces or the public domain?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 422

422. What, if any, legislation is being planned by the NSW Government relating to Business Improvement Districts or Community Improvement Districts?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 423

423. Does the NSW Government/ NSW Transport plan to introduce legislative change to enable the operation of Business Improvement Districts or Community Improvement Districts? If yes, what changes is the legislation proposed to facilitate?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 424

424. Transport for NSW's February 2023 White Paper states that Community Improvement Districts are place-based initiatives designed to support and grow local economies, high streets and local centres. What policy changes are being planned to ensure representative community organisations are on the districts' governing bodies?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 425

425. What research, studies or reviews involving the Western Sydney Harbour Precinct or the New Sydney Waterfront Co have been funded by the NSW Government?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 426

426. What are the results of these research, studies or reviews, and is this information publicly available?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

Question no: 427

427. What is the timeline for the 445 bus being restored to its previous destination point at East Balmain Ferry Wharf?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently investigating options to restore 445 bus services to Balmain East Wharf.

Work underway includes an assessment of capacity at the wharf and along approach roads, and investigations into driver, fleet and other operational requirements.

Question no: 428

428. What is the timeline for the 370 bus being restored to its previous destination point at Marketplace Leichhardt?

Answer:

I am advised:

Opportunities to restore route 370 are currently being considered.

Question no: 429

429. What is the timeline for the reopening of West Balmain Wharf and what is the current status of preparatory works to assess wharf accessibility and vessel availability?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to reopening the wharf at Elliott Street and reinstating ferry services to West Balmain.

Transport for NSW is currently working through options around how to best service Elliot Street Wharf.

Question no: 430

430. When will the F10 ferry service from Blackwattle Bay be put on the Opal network?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is developing proposals and other strategies to support the continuation and development of the F10 service.

Question no: 431

431. Will extra stops for the F10 ferry be delivered near the Bays West precinct and Annandale North in order to accommodate the heightened demand created by developments in this area?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to the establishment of two new ferry stops along the existing F10 ferry route, including a stop at Rozelle Bay (Annandale North).

The development plan for the route, including stop locations, will consider other available public transport options including Sydney Metro, light rail and bus services, disability standards for accessible public transport compliance of wharves, scheduling and fleet availability.

Question no: 432

432. Will the Government consider introducing a bus service between Annandale and the City via The Crescent and ANZAC Bridge given the current lack of bus connections between these two areas and the upcoming opening of the Crescent Overpass?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are no current plans to introduce a new bus service between Annandale and the Sydney CBD via the Anzac Bridge.

Existing transport options in the Annandale area provide access to and from the Sydney CBD via bus and light rail services.

Routes 433, 470 and other bus services along Parramatta Road offer interchange opportunities to frequent trains, light rail and bus services at Central Station for access to the northern part of Sydney CBD.

For travel to the Sydney CBD via the Anzac Bridge, passengers can use route 433 services to Victoria Road, and transfer to frequent bus services at White Bay to the City.

Feedback for bus service improvements in the north Annandale area will be considered as part of ongoing network reviews and future planning.

Question no: 433

433. NSW is experiencing a shortage of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WATs), leaving people waiting for hours on the side of the road. Only 35% of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis are using the WAT taxi booking system. 30% of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis don't arrive at all. Some users wait as long as four hours to get home late at night. What is the government doing to improve the experience of people with disabilities who depend on WATs to get out of their home?

Answer:

I am advised:

A recent roundtable was held with representatives from the taxi industry, the disability sector, State and Commonwealth government agencies and Wheelchair Accessible Taxis passengers.

Insights gathered from the roundtable will be used to further investigate short, medium and long term initiatives to address the supply of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis.

Question no: 434

434. The Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS) is an essential enabler of independence for people with disabilities who cannot drive and rely on public transport. This scheme gives people with disabilities access to the community. Why has the TTSS scheme seen a reduction in funding by \$2million in this year's Budget?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme budget has increased by \$1 million from \$42.4 million in 2022-23 to \$43.4 million in 2023-24.

Question no: 435

435. According to peak organisations PDCN and SCIA, the current TTSS voucher system disincentivises drivers from utilising the interstate vouchers due to the administrative burden. What is the government doing to address the disincentives in the current system which lead to people with disabilities experiencing abuse and being refused service by drivers when they want to use the scheme?

Answer:

I am advised:

All jurisdictions across Australia provide paper dockets to their subsidy scheme participants to use when travelling interstate.

If a NSW Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme participant experiences issues using their voucher in another jurisdiction, they are required to report this to the relevant authority in that state.

Question no: 436

436. Blind and low vision people with guide dogs report taxis canceling scheduled rides or refusing to stop upon seeing a guide dog. Is there any data available in relation to these complaints?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Point to Point Transport Commissioner takes the refusal of assistance animals and assistance animals in training seriously. Since July 2022, the Commissioner has investigated 21 complaints in relation to assistance animal refusal by a point to point transport driver. These complaints have been received via, for example, the Commissioner's Industry Contact Centre and correspondence to the Commissioner.

In the last 18 months, these investigations have resulted in one rideshare driver being prosecuted and eight penalty notices issued.

Question no: 437

437. Victoria's Point to Point Commissioner has the power to prosecute individual drivers for these offences. Are there any plans to strengthen the NSW PTP Commissioner's oversight and ability to enforce regulation?

Answer:

I am advised:

Under point to point transport law, drivers can be fined \$300 if caught refusing to carry an assistance animal or an assistance animal in training. This may cover conduct such as a driver refusing to stop when they observe a passenger has an assistance animal, or cancelling a booked trip when they realise the passenger has an assistance animal. The Commissioner has the power to prosecute a driver for breaching this law, with as noted, one rideshare driver being prosecuted in the last 18 months.

Question no: 438

438. Other than speaking to the relevant company about these particular complaints what additional steps would be appropriate by Government to address this issue, rather than just leave it up to the industry to solve?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Commissioner is working with industry and disability groups, such as the NSW Disability Reference Group (DRG), to educate drivers on their legal obligations and the importance of assistance animals in supporting people with disability. An Assistance Animal Toolkit is published on the Commissioner's website. It contains fact sheets, a podcast which drivers can easily watch or listen to during their breaks and videos featuring drivers, trainers, and passengers who travel with assistance animals – the videos alone have been viewed more than 2000 times.

Question no: 439

439. There have been reports that major footpaths and roads across Sydney have recently seen changes to the curbs, where a blended curb has been put in place which means no more tactile surfacing. What is being done to address this?

Answer:

I am advised:

Local councils across NSW have primary responsibility for footpaths.

Question no: 440

440. Has Transport for NSW consulted with the disability sector at all on this in relation to the impact on people who are blind and low vision?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 439.

Question no: 441

441. Do you have any data in relation to how many footpaths and roads meet accessibility compliance?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 439.

Question no: 442

442. What is the oversight process for this?
(a) Who is responsible for ensuring accessibility compliance is being met at all times with regards to footpaths and roads?
(b) What happens when footpaths aren't compliant?
(c) Does this get recorded anywhere and then followed up on?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 439.

Question no: 443

443. In relation to light rail drop off changes, has there been any consultation with the disability sector to discuss the impact of design changes on the blind and low vision community?

Answer:

I am advised:

Engagement with the disability sector and passengers with disability underpins Transport for NSW's approach to planning accessibility of the public transport network.

Question no: 444

444. In relation to the EV bus fleet - have you done any consultation with the disability sector in relation to the impact of how silent these buses are and the impact on the blind and low vision community?

Answer:

I am advised:

The tender for the new panel of Transport approved Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs) includes a requirement for an Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS) to be installed, which means an audio warning will be delivered at times when a ZEB is travelling at low speeds when the sound from a ZEB is at its lowest.

Consultation on the AVAS sound is expected to commence with industry, key stakeholders and the disability sector in 2024.

Question no: 445

445. There have been reports that people cannot hear the buses because they are so silent. Why is there no acoustic alerting system installed on these buses?

(a) Is there any intention to do this?

i. If no, why not?

ii. If yes, please provide a timeline for funding and planning.

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 444.

Question no: 446

446. Have accessibility upgrades to Macdonaldtown railway station been costed? If so:

(a) What is the total estimated cost; and

(b) What is the estimated timeline, if any, for delivery?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure across the NSW transport network.

The development and delivery of station upgrades are subject to a prioritisation process, with the timing of future upgrades to be determined. Estimated costs for accessibility upgrades Macdonaldtown Station and Redfern Station are subject to further planning, investigations and design.

Question no: 447

447. Have accessibility upgrades to Platforms 11 and 12, which service the T4 Eastern Suburbs railway line, at Redfern railway station been costed? If so:

- (a) What is the total estimated cost; and
- (b) What is the estimated timeline, if any, for delivery?

Answer:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 446.

Question no: 448

448. What is the estimated cost of reopening bus stops throughout the Inner West that were closed as a result of the mass bus privatisations in 2018?

- (a) Is there an estimated timeline for reopening these bus stops?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW, as part of the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program, undertook a review of key bus routes across Sydney to identify opportunities to improve on-time running for buses. These changes were developed as part of Sydney's Bus Future planning to redesign Sydney's bus network to meet customer needs as customers provided feedback which indicated travel time and on-time running were some of the most important service features.

In response to customer feedback, reviews into on-time running were carried out across many critical bus corridors. Following detailed analysis, investigations and consultation to improve bus journey times, some bus stops were combined or removed where they were spaced close together, some on-street parking was removed or relocated to allow buses to move easily in and out of bus stops, some bus stops were lengthened to accommodate longer buses to allow them to stop parallel to the kerb to assist passenger boarding and alighting, and some bus stops were moved to the departure side of intersections to reduce delays for buses at traffic signals.

Question no: 449

449. What is the total value of land held by the Transport Assets Holding Entity (TAHE) in the Newtown electorate?

(a) What is the size of the TAHE land holdings in the electorate of Newtown?

Answer:

I am advised:

Due to the unique nature of TAHE's landholdings in the Newtown electorate, it is difficult to determine an accurate value for these sites. The approximate area of landholdings is 80 hectares.

Question no: 450

450. What was the total construction cost of the recently completed Southern Concourse at Redfern railway station? Given this cost, is there an intention to allow 24/7 access across the concourse?

(a) Has any costing been undertaken in relation to constructing another pedestrian connection point between Carriageworks and South Eveleigh?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information around the overall project cost is publicly available.

The new concourse is part of Redfern Station and is open during the station's operational times from approximately 4.30am to 1.30am each day to allow pedestrians and cyclists (dismounted) to cross the new concourse without tapping an Opal or credit card.

When the station is closed, pedestrians and cyclists can use the Lawson Street bridge to cross the railway.

The operation of the new concourse consistent with the rest of the station, including being locked outside of staffed hours for security, cleaning, and maintenance reasons.

(a) Transport for NSW has previously commissioned several studies to investigate the feasibility of an active transport link between South and North Eveleigh during the development of the masterplan for the Paint Shop Sub-Precinct rezoning.

These investigations considered a broad range of bridge and tunnel options, finding no suitable crossing site which was appropriate to address the topography of the site as well as the width, height and depth of existing rail infrastructure.

The new Southern Concourse, delivered as part of the recent upgrade of Redfern Station, includes barrier free access across the rail corridor for the local community.

The new concourse is approximately 110 metres south of the existing concourse, providing better connectivity with the surrounding areas, including South and North Eveleigh.

Question no: 451

451. In the 2023-24 financial year, how much state government funding has been apportioned to constructing new bike paths in:
(a) The Newtown electorate;
(b) The City of Sydney LGA; and
(c) Inner West LGA?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) \$2.67 million in NSW Government funding has been apportioned to constructing new bike paths within the Newtown electorate during 2023-24.

(b) \$41.4 million in NSW Government funding has been apportioned to constructing bike paths within the City of Sydney LGA during 2023-24.

(c) \$6.8 million in NSW Government funding has been apportioned to constructing bike paths within Inner West Council during 2023-24.

Question no: 452

452. What is the estimated cost of reinstating a permanent bike path along Swanson Street, Erskineville?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently in the process of developing a design for the reintroduction of a permanent dedicated cycleway across the railway line at Swanson Street.

Question no: 453

453. What is the estimated cost of constructing additional Metro stations along the City & Southwest line in St Peters and Erskineville?
(a) Similarly, what is the estimated cost of converting the Marrickville Dive Site near Bedwin Road, Marrickville, into an additional Metro Station?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Sydney Metro Chatswood to Sydenham Environmental Impact Statement identified a list of 12 options for stations between Central and Sydenham, including Erskineville and St Peters. The assessment identified that new underground metro stations at Erskineville, Green Square, St Peters and Newtown would not serve a new rail catchment and would result in a limited shift to public transport services. Further, these locations would not serve or stimulate new development.

The Marrickville Dive Site near Bedwin Road at Marrickville has been converted into the Sydney Metro Train Facility South as part of Sydney Metro construction. This facility will provide for overnight stabling of Sydney Metro trains and light maintenance activities to minimise the requirement to send trains to the Sydney Metro Trains Facility at Rouse Hill.

Question no: 454

454. Are there any plans to expand the light rail network to include Parramatta Road?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are no plans to extend light rail on Parramatta Road.

Question no: 455

455. The Government recently announced free opal cards for bus drivers. Will this initiative be extended to include light rail drivers?

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of recommendations of the Bus Industry Taskforce First Report, Transport for NSW is continuing to work on a program to deliver Opal Employee Cards to bus operator drivers and operational employees on the Opal network, including the most appropriate timing for delivering this recommendation.

Transport NSW has advised that it is currently working on the program and the associated timelines to deliver the Opal employee passes, with the immediate priority being bus operations.

Question no: 456

456. In relation to traffic signal upgrades to the lights at the intersection of Alice Street, Llewellyn Street, and Edgeware Road in Enmore that were initially forecast for delivery by the end of the 2022-23 financial year:
(a) What is the estimated cost; and
(b) What is the revised delivery timeline

Answer:

I am advised:

The upgrade of the existing traffic control signals at the intersection of Edgeware Road, Alice Street and Llewellyn Street at Enmore is a project led by Inner West Council.

Question no: 457

457. What is the estimated cost of automating all pedestrian crossing traffic lights within the Newton electorate to eliminate the need for using the "beg button"?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW estimates that automating all pedestrian crossing traffic lights within the Newtown electorate would create significant delays for all road users, including pedestrians, which would far outweigh implementation costs.