

**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT – SUPPLEMENTARY  
QUESTIONS – 26 AUGUST 2022**

**SQ001**

At EIS stage DPI Fisheries said they “were unable to support the proposal”. The EPA said the EIS didn’t meet SEARs and required a ‘Detailed Site Investigation’ be done for contamination. However, both agencies concerns were dismissed and instead their concerns appear to be being included in some form via very costly, onerous and complex ‘Conditions of Approval’. Have these conditions of approval been included in estimated costs or will we see this figure escalate further?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the allocated budget is intended to accommodate the Conditions of Approval.

**SQ002**

Transport for NSW has stated it will be subsidising the operator of the ferry service which will clearly be another ongoing drain on Government purse. At a previous budget estimates the ‘on notice’ reply to subsidy costs was “it was too early to speculate”. Given this project now has approval, can you supply us with these estimated subsidy costs and modelling data?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that approval of the Project by the Commonwealth Government under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* is still pending. It remains too early to speculate in relation to any service that may operate between the wharves.

**SQ003**

If the subsidy costs are secret, due to tender negotiations, can you at least confirm whether they form part of the \$49.3million estimated cost or whether they will be additional costs to TfNSW?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the current budget allocation is not intended to cover the costs associated with a ferry service that may operate between the wharves.

**SQ004**

The project is partly funded by the Commonwealth through a joint State/Federal agreement to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Cooks landing in Kurnell. The \$25 million funding has already been granted. However, a further \$4.5 million appears to have been recently allocated from the Commonwealth, outside the agreement for this project. Is the Minister aware of this additional funding and can he explain why it is being allocated?

**ANSWER**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

**SQ005**

The former Prime Minister, Mr Scott Morrison was particularly interested in this project. It sits in his electorate and in his inaugural speech to parliament in 2008 he stated Australia needed to celebrate and give prominence to Kurnell as part of the 250th Anniversary of Cook's landing. The previous \$25 million came from Mr Morrison's office when he was Treasurer. Can the Minister clarify whether this additional \$4.5million was a special allocation from Mr Morrison's office?

**ANSWER**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

**SQ006**

The project involves building two marine wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell. Can the Transport Minister confirm the exact (or approximate) final lengths of those two wharves?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that a description of the proposal is contained within Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Statement which is available on the NSW Planning Portal.

**SQ007**

In the EIS released in July 2021, it stated the La Perouse wharf "will extend 180 metres from the shore". In the Urban Design and Landscape plan released in October 2021 it stated the La Perouse wharf "is proposed to extend about 100 metres from the shore" now in the Determination Assessment report released in August 2022 it states in the Introduction the La Perouse wharf "is proposed to extend approximately 230 metres from the shore." Can you confirm the true dimensions?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response provided in Supplementary Question 6.

**SQ008**

Can you confirm that the amount it "extends from shore", is the same figure as "overall length" of the wharf? (if not, what is the overall length of the La Perouse wharf?)

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response provided in Supplementary Question 6.

**SQ009**

Can you explain why the dimensions have grown by over 130% from what was stated in October 2021 in the Urban Design and Landscape plan and what is stated in the August 2022 Determination Assessment Report?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response provided in Supplementary Question 6.

**SQ010**

Would you agree that if a project changes by such a significant amount as 130% at Determination stage then the environmental assessment reports which consider

disturbance of seagrass and sediment would clearly be inaccurate based on the dimensions from the Urban Design and Landscape plan of October 2021?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response provided in Supplementary Question 6.

**SQ011**

Is it the minister and/or departments intention to abolish the Recreational Vessel Advisory group?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there is no intention to abolish the Recreational Vessel Advisory Group.

**SQ012**

When will public consultation occur on the Maritime Inclusion plan?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the Maritime Diversity and Inclusion Plan is currently in the early stage of research and development. The timing and extent of public consultation is yet to be determined.

**SQ013**

Given that Transport for NSW owns/manages the Coffs Harbour launching facility is there a schedule in place for preventative/routine maintenance, especially the removal of marine growth?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that parts of the Coffs Harbour launching facility are still under construction. The ramp area has recently opened and the Transport for NSW staff managing this construction are regularly inspecting the boat ramp for marine growth. A formal maintenance program will be put in place in early 2023, once all works are complete.

**SQ014**

If there is a maintenance schedule in place, could the details be provided?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that maintenance plans have not yet been developed for the facility.

**SQ015**

How are specific upgrades whether current or future identified?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that a Maritime Infrastructure Plan has been developed to guide future investment in maritime infrastructure. This is available on the Transport for NSW website.

**SQ016**

Given that silting is an ongoing problem, and that dredging is necessary to ensure safe navigation for boaters. Who will pay for the cost of ongoing dredging?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the cost of the dredging will be met by Transport for NSW.

**SQ017**

Since its inception, how many applications has Kiama Municipal Council made to the program?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, one.

**SQ018**

Of those applications, how many have been successful?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, one.

**SQ019**

What were those successful applications for?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, Kiama Harbour Boat Ramp Car Park and Boat Wash Down Upgrade.

**SQ020**

Have those successful applications been completed?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, no. Kiama Municipal Council terminated the Boating Now funding agreement for the Kiama Harbour Boat Ramp Car Park and Boat Wash Down Upgrade as it received funding to deliver the same project through another funding program.

**SQ021**

What is the total amount spent in the 2021-2022 State Budget on:  
(a) The construction of new infrastructure for people who ride or walk?  
(b) The maintenance of existing infrastructure for people who ride or walk?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ022**

Of the total amount of funding expended up to 30 June 2022 for new infrastructure for people who ride or walk, what proportion was expended on projects in:  
(a) Central West and Orana?  
(b) Far West?  
(c) New England?  
(d) North West?  
(e) Newcastle and the Hunter?

- (f) North Coast?
- (g) Riverina Murray?
- (h) South East and Tablelands?
- (i) Wollongong and the Illawarra?
- (j) Greater Sydney?
- (k) Western Sydney?
- (l) The Blue Mountains?
- (m) The Central Coast?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ023**

With respect to the 2022-2023 State Budget:

- (a) What is the total amount of funding in the 2022-2023 State Budget for new infrastructure for people who ride or walk?
- (b) What are the individual projects for new infrastructure for people who ride or walk and what is the total amount allocated to each project in the 2022-2023 State Budget?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ024**

Of the total amount of funding allocated in the 2022-2023 State Budget for new infrastructure for people who ride or walk, what proportion is for projects in the following regions:

- (a) Central West and Orana?
- (b) Far West?
- (c) New England?
- (d) North West?
- (e) Newcastle and the Hunter?
- (f) North Coast?
- (g) Riverina Murray?
- (h) South East and Tablelands?
- (i) Wollongong and the Illawarra?
- (j) Greater Sydney?
- (k) Western Sydney?
- (l) The Blue Mountains?
- (m) The Central Coast?
- (n) The construction of new infrastructure for people who ride or walk?
- (o) The maintenance of existing infrastructure for people who ride or walk?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ025**

Of the total amount of funding allocated to active transport infrastructure in the 2022-2023 State Budget:

- (a) What proportion is not part of existing funding for a major project?
- (b) What infrastructure for people who ride or walk are included in the following major projects:
  - i. WestConnex M4-M5 Link?
  - ii. Northconnex?
  - iii. Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link?
  - iv. Pacific Highway Upgrade?
  - v. Princes Highway Upgrade?
  - vi. Parramatta Light Rail?
  - vii. Sydney Gateway Project?
  - viii. Sydney Metro City and South West?
  - ix. Sydney Metro West?
  - x. Warringah Freeway Upgrade?
  - xi. Other major projects (please list)?
- (c) Of the total project budgets for each of the following major projects, what is the total amount of funding allocated for infrastructure for people who ride or walk:
  - i. WestConnex M4-M5 Link?
  - ii. Northconnex?
  - iii. Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link?
  - iv. Pacific Highway Upgrade?
  - v. Princes Highway Upgrade?
  - vi. Parramatta Light Rail?
  - vii. Sydney Gateway Project?
  - viii. Sydney Metro City and South West?
  - ix. Sydney Metro West?
  - x. Warringah Freeway Upgrade?
  - xi. Other major projects (please list)?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ026**

With respect to bike sheds and lockers across NSW:

- (a) How many new bike sheds were constructed at Transport for NSW transport hubs in 2021-2022?
- (b) How many new bike sheds does Transport for NSW propose to construct in 2022-2023?
- (c) How many bike locker keys have been signed out to commuters in 2020-2021 and to date in 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

I am advised:

- (a) Information regarding bike sheds is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (b) Information regarding the NSW Government's commitment to Active Transport is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (c) There were 253 bike locker keys signed out to commuters in 2020-2021. During the period 1 July to 5 September 2022, there has been one bike locker key signed out.

**SQ027**

What specific initiatives has Transport for NSW introduced in the past two financial years to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety around buses in NSW?

- (a) What was the total amount expended in 2021-2022 on these initiatives?
- (b) What is the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 towards these initiatives?
- (c) How many accidents have been recorded in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (to date) where pedestrians, cyclists and buses have come into conflict?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ028**

What specific initiatives has Transport for NSW introduced in the past two financial years to improve mode share between buses and active transport in NSW?

- (a) What was the total amount spent in 2021-2022 on these initiatives?
- (b) What is the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 towards these initiatives?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ029**

What specific initiatives has Transport for NSW introduced in the past two financial years to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety around trains in NSW?

- (a) What was the total amount expended in 2021-2022 on these initiatives?
- (b) What is the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 towards these initiatives?
- (c) How many accidents have been recorded in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (to date) where pedestrians, cyclists and trains have come into conflict?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ030**

What specific initiatives has Transport for NSW introduced in the past two financial years to improve mode share between trains and active transport in NSW?

- (a) What was the total amount spent in 2021-2022 on these initiatives?
- (b) What is the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 towards these initiatives?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ031**

What specific initiatives has Transport for NSW introduced in the past two financial years to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety around light rail in NSW?

- (a) What was the total amount expended in 2021-2022 on these initiatives?
- (b) What is the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 towards these initiatives?

(c) How many accidents have been recorded in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (to date) where pedestrians, cyclists and light rail have come into conflict?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ032**

What specific initiatives has Transport for NSW introduced in the past two financial years to improve mode share between light rail and active transport in NSW?

- (a) What was the total amount spent in 2021-2022 on these initiatives?
- (b) What is the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 towards these initiatives?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ033**

What was the total amount expended in the 2021-2022 financial year on advertising and education campaigns to encourage more people to walk or ride?

- (a) What proportion is allocated to campaigns encouraging people to walk?
- (b) What proportion is allocated to campaigns encouraging people to cycle?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ034**

What is the total amount allocated in the 2022-2023 financial year on advertising and education campaigns to encourage more people to walk or ride?

- (a) What proportion is allocated to campaigns encouraging people to walk?
- (b) What proportion is allocated to campaigns encouraging people to cycle?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ035**

To date, in this financial year, what has been the total amount expended on advertising and education campaigns to encourage more people to walk or ride?

- (a) What proportion has been spent on campaigns encouraging people to walk?
- (b) What proportion has been spent on campaigns encouraging people to cycle?

**ANSWER**

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



**SQ036**

Of the total amount budgeted in 2022-2023 for advertising and education campaigns encouraging more people to ride or walk, how much funding is allocated to advertisements via:

- (a) Newspapers?
- (b) Commercial television?
- (c) Commercial radio?
- (d) Facebook?
- (e) Instagram?
- (f) Twitter?
- (g) Youtube?
- (h) Other?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ037**

Of the total amount allocated in 2022-2023 on web-based advertising and social media encouraging more people to ride or walk, what is the total amount allocated for the following regions:

- (a) Central West and Orana?
- (b) Far West?
- (c) New England?
- (d) North West?
- (e) North Coast?
- (f) Riverina Murray?
- (g) South East and Tablelands?
- (h) Wollongong and the Illawarra?
- (i) Greater Sydney?
- (j) Western Sydney?
- (k) The Blue Mountains?
- (l) The Central Coast?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ038**

With respect to cycling accidents:

- (a) How many cyclists were injured in road accidents in 2021-2022?
- (b) How many cyclists have been injured in road accidents in 2022-2023 (to date)?
- (c) How many of the accidents in 2021-2022 were reported by cyclists?
- (d) How many of these accidents in 2021-2022 were the result of motorists not adhering to the metre matter rule?
- (e) How many cyclists were hospitalised in 2021-2022 due to road injuries involving motor vehicles?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ039**

With respect to pedestrian accidents:

- (a) How many pedestrians were injured in road accidents in 2021-2022?
- (b) How many pedestrians have been injured in road accidents in 2022-2023 (to date)?
- (c) How many of the accidents in 2021-2022 were reported by pedestrians?
- (d) How many of these accidents in 2021-2022 were the result of collisions with cyclists?
- (e) How many pedestrians were hospitalised in 2021-2022 due to road injuries involving motor vehicles?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ040**

How many cyclists and pedestrians were injured and hospitalised following accidents with a motor vehicle where the motor vehicle was travelling at 30km/hr or less?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ041**

What proportion of the total number of accidents and hospitalisations of cyclists and pedestrians did this account for?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ042**

In the past financial year, what specific actions has the NSW Government taken to advance requirements for all heavy vehicles to be fitted with side under-run protection and blind spot sensors, or to have high visibility cabins to reduce the chance that a mistake will prove fatal to a person riding a bike or a pedestrian?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ043**

What representations has the Minister or Transport for NSW personally made to the Federal Government to make these requirements mandatory since his appointment?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ044**

What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects in Newcastle in the 2021-2022 financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ045**

What is the total amount allocated in the 2022-2023 State Budget towards active transport projects in Newcastle?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ046**

How many local councils approached Transport for NSW to conduct a trial of electric scooters since the report was issued?  
(a) If so, which councils?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ047**

What is the timeline for the electric scooters trial?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ048**

What is the timeline for the roll out of the electric scooters trial?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ049**

What are the evaluation criteria against which the trial will be assessed?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ050**

Active Transport School Safety  
(a) With respect to the Road Safety Education program:  
(b) What was the total budget allocation for the program in 2021-2022?  
(c) What was the total amount expended for the program in 2021-2022?

- (d) What is the total amount budgeted for the program in 2022-2023?
- (e) What is the total number of FTE Road Safety Officers currently employed by Transport for NSW?
- (f) How many FTE Road Safety Education Officers positions are currently unfilled?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ051**

What was the total amount spent by Transport for NSW on road safety improvements around NSW schools in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ052**

What is the total amount allocated by Transport for NSW to road safety improvements around NSW schools in 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ053**

What was the total amount spent on maintaining school zone flashing lights around NSW schools in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ054**

What is the total amount allocated for maintaining school zone flashing lights around NSW schools in 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ055**

What was the total amount spent on renewing line markings such as dragon's teeth around NSW schools in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ056**

What is the total amount allocated for renewing line markings such as dragon's teeth around NSW schools in 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ057**

What was the total amount spent on upgrading pedestrian crossings around NSW schools in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ058**

What is the total amount allocated for upgrading pedestrian crossings around NSW schools for 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ059**

What was the total amount spent on employing road crossing supervisors at NSW schools in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ060**

What is the total amount allocated for employing road crossing supervisors in the State Budget in 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ061**

As of 26 August 2022:

- (a) How many road crossing supervisors are currently employed?
- (b) How many road crossing supervisor positions are currently vacant?
- (c) How many NSW public schools do not have at least one road crossing supervisor?
- (d) How many NSW private, Catholic or Independent schools do not have at least one road crossing supervisor?
- (e) How many NSW schools have more than one road crossing supervisor?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ062**

In 2021-2022, how many schools applied for a crossing supervisor?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ063**

In 2021-2022, how many schools applied for a crossing supervisor and were rejected?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ064**

As of 30 June 2022, how many FTE staff are currently employed in the unit within Transport for NSW responsible for active transport?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ065**

What is the total amount of funding allocated in the 2022-2023 State Budget for staff within Transport for NSW responsible for active transport?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ066**

What was the total amount expended in the 2021-2022 financial year on consultancy fees pertaining to active transport projects or policies?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ067**

What is the total amount budgeted in the 2022-2023 financial year for consultancy fees related to active transport projects or policies?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ068**

What is the total amount of fees expended in both 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 on consultancies related to planning around active transport and COVID-19?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ069**

How much has been expended on consultancy fees related to active transport projects or policies in this financial year as of 25 August 2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ070**

Since the NSW Liberal and National Government was elected in 2011, what has been the total cost of consultancies related to active transport planning?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ071**

What was the total amount of funding allocated to the Walking and Cycling Program in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ072**

How much of this funding was expended in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ073**

What proportion of projects funded under the 2021 program have been:  
(a) Started?  
(b) Completed?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ074**

What initiatives have Transport for NSW introduced in 2021-2022 to increase the awareness and utilisation of the Walking Space Guide?

**ANSWER:**

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

**SQ075**

What is the total amount of funding spent in the 2021-2022 financial year on developing, publishing, operating, monitoring or evaluating the Walking Space Guide?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ076**

How is Transport for NSW measuring the uptake of the Walking Space assessment tool?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ077**

What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects in Wollongong 2021-2022 financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ078**

What is the total amount allocated in the 2022-2023 State Budget towards projects that form part of the Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ079**

Are all buses in NSW accessible for people with a mobility impairment or who use a wheelchair?



**ANSWER**

I am advised, no.

**SQ080**

If not, what proportion of buses in service are not accessible?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that 96 per cent of the entire NSW bus fleet is wheelchair accessible.

**SQ081**

Are all buses in Greater Sydney accessible for people with a mobility impairment or who use a wheelchair?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, no.

**SQ082**

If not, what proportion of buses in service are not accessible?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that 95 per cent of the Greater Sydney contracted bus fleet is wheelchair accessible. Transport for NSW has a plan in place to progressively remove buses that are not wheelchair accessible from service.

**SQ083**

What is the standard form of ramp used in Sydney's bus fleet?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that each bus must have a ramp that is compliant to the 2002 disability standards for accessible public transport (AS3856.1). The ramp must be a minimum of 800mm wide, have a non-slip surface, and specific slope requirements. Each bus must also have access for wheelchairs and conveyances through the front door and have a level floor within 1:30 (0.12 degrees) in the wheelchair spaces.

**SQ084**

What weight are these standard ramps able to withstand?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that ramps are required to be able to support a total passenger and mobility aid weight of up to 200 kilograms. This is required to be clearly labelled with the maximum load that it can carry both on the boarding device and next to the accessible entrance on the outside of the vehicle.

**SQ085**

Are passengers using electric wheelchairs that exceed the weight limit for ramps prohibited from travelling on the bus?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that when using a mobility aid on public transport in NSW, it must comply with certain dimensions, manoeuvrability and stability specifications. These requirements are listed on the Transport for NSW website.

For passenger safety, any mobility device that doesn't comply with these specifications may be declined access.

**SQ086**

For each of the business units in Transport, what proportion of persons performing work for the business unit are employed as consultants, that is on short term or contract work arrangements?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that agencies within the Transport and Infrastructure Cluster disclose in their Annual Report all consultancy engagements valued at more than \$50,000.

All other third-party contractor engagements, where the value is in excess of \$150,000 are disclosed in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* on the NSW eTenders website.

**SQ087**

How much has NSW Trains, Sydney Trains and TfNSW spent on the workplace conduct unit in the last 12 months?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the Workplace Conduct Investigations Unit within Transport for NSW undertakes investigations across the Transport Cluster. In the 2021-22 financial year, its total expenditure was \$3,600,000.

**SQ088**

How much has been spent on litigation and hearings, in the Fair Work Commission or the Federal Court?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that external legal costs incurred under the NSW Government Legal Services Panel are publicly available in the Legal Services Panel Annual Report on the Department of Communities and Justice website. The Legal Services Panel Annual Report for 2020-2021 is available and the 2021-2022 financial year is currently being prepared.

**SQ089**

What is the total budget allocation for legal advice for Standing Order 52 'Order for the Production of Papers?'

- (a) How much was spent in each month in 2021-2022?
- (b) Which law firms were engaged to provide advice?
- (c) Was the legal advice accepted and applied in each case?
- (d) If not, which return for Standing Order 52 did not accept and apply the legal advice provided?
- (e) If this level of information is publicly available, to this level of detail, where is it made available and in what format?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there is no specific budget allocation for legal advice for Parliamentary calls for papers issued under Standing Order 52. During the 2021–22 financial year, Transport for NSW did not obtain external legal advice on any Parliamentary calls for papers. During this period, Transport for NSW responded to 35 calls for papers which required 4,824 hours from departmental staff. Transport for NSW did obtain e-discovery and printing services from external law firms during 2021-2022 in relation to Parliamentary calls for papers. Transport for NSW reports its legal expenditure via the NSW Government Legal Services Panel.

**SQ090**

How many Workers Compensation Claims have Transport received in 2021-2022 for psychological injury?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, 391.

**SQ091**

How many Workers Compensation Claims have Transport received to date in 2022-2023 for psychological injury?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, as at 5 September 2022, there have been 117 claims received.

**SQ092**

How many staff have been directly assisted with these funds in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, 122.

**SQ093**

How many staff have been directly assisted with these funds to date in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 92.

**SQ094**

What is the comparative rate for the Public Service in General?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that this information is not held by Transport for NSW.

**SQ095**

How many workers in Transport are currently on workers compensation?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that across the Transport cluster, there are 1,283 open claims in relation to current as well as previous employees.

**SQ096**

What are the 10 largest mechanisms of injury or cause of injury for those on workers compensation in Transport?

**ANSWER**

I am advised:

- Biological factors
- Body Stressing
- Mental Stress
- Fall, Trips and Slips
- Hitting Objects with Part of the Body
- Sound and Pressure
- Vehicle Incidents and Other
- Chemicals and Other Substances
- Heat, Electricity and Other Environmental Factors

**SQ097**

What is the average length of time for Transport workers on workers compensation to return to work?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Transport for NSW does not hold this information.

**SQ098**

Is there any further information on when rapid transport will be implemented on Parramatta Road in accordance with the conditions of approval for the M4 East WestConnex project?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that condition B34 of WestConnex M4 East requires two lanes on Parramatta Road from Burwood to Haberfield be provided for public transport, or an alternative public transport route be approved that provides comparable public transport benefits for the area.

Public transport road space allocation on Parramatta Road in accordance with Condition B34 is being assessed as part of the Road Network Performance Review for WestConnex M4 East.

**SQ99**

Since the opening of the M4 East, what specific investigations or plans have been made to installing the following modes of transport along the corridor:

- (a) Rapid bus services?
- (b) Light rail?
- (c) Guided electric transit system (trackless trams)?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Transport for NSW is working on a strategic business case to present short, medium and long-term options to enhance public transport and support the urban transformation of the corridor.

The first package of initiatives will focus on improving bus journeys along and across Parramatta Road, including bus priority and services.  
The plan will be outlined publicly once completed and assessed by the NSW Government.

### **SQ100**

For Sydney Trains, between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Trains, between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday:

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 20,500.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 14,420.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$3.24.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$3.25.

Please note that the publicly available monthly reporting data for Sydney Trains may vary slightly to the above figure. This is due to the time band split data which counts the individual trips separately on each line if a person changes train line on Sydney Trains.

### **SQ101**

For Sydney Trains, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Trains, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 38,960.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 25,890.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.61.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.60.

Please note that the publicly available monthly reporting data for Sydney Trains may vary slightly to the above figure. This is due to the time band split data which counts the individual trips separately on each line if a person changes train line on Sydney Trains.

### **SQ102**

For Sydney Trains, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Trains, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday,  
(a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 61,050.  
(b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 42,840.  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers or financial year 2020-21 was, \$2.32.  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers or financial year 2021-22, was \$2.41.  
Please note that the publicly available monthly reporting data for Sydney Trains may vary slightly to the above figure. This is due to the time band split data which counts the individual trips separately on each line if a person changes train line on Sydney Trains.

**SQ103**

For Sydney Trains, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday, what is the:  
(a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?  
(b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Trains, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday,  
(a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 20,320.  
(b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 13,720.  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.55.  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.53.  
Please note that the publicly available monthly reporting data for Sydney Trains may vary slightly to the above figure. This is due to the time band split data which counts the individual trips separately on each line if a person changes train line on Sydney Trains.

**SQ104**

For Intercity Trains, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday, what is the:  
(a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?  
(b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?  
(d) Transport  
(e) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ105**

For Intercity Trains, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, what is the:  
(a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?  
(b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ106**

For Intercity Trains, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ107**

For Sydney buses, between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney buses, between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 13,070.
  - (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 9,310.
  - (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.45.
  - (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.43.
- Sydney buses captures trips for all bus operators within Sydney region.

**SQ108**

For Sydney buses, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney buses, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 29,130.
  - (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 20,600.
  - (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.07.
  - (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.05.
- Sydney buses captures trips for all bus operators within Sydney region.

**SQ109**

For Sydney buses, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney buses, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday,  
(a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 58,950.  
(b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 38,980.  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$1.24.  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$1.39.  
Sydney buses captures trips for all bus operators within Sydney region.

**SQ110**

For Sydney buses, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday, what is the:  
Transport  
(a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?  
(b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney buses, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday,  
(a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 11,910.  
(b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 8,260.  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.14.  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.16.  
Sydney buses captures trips for all bus operators within Sydney region.

**SQ111**

For Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday, what is the:  
(a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?  
(b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday,  
(a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 600.  
(b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 560.  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.20.  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.07.

**SQ112**

For Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday, what is the:  
(a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?  
(b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?  
(c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?  
(d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?



**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 2,600.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 2,260.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$1.96.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$1.86.

**SQ113**

For Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 4,120.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 3,500.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$1.89.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$1.88.

**SQ114**

For Sydney light rail (all inclusive), between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney light rail, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 1,430.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 1,230.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.33.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.19.

**SQ115**

For Sydney Metro, between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Transport
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (e) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Metro, between 6:30am to 7am Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 1,000.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 730.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$3.18.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$3.24.

**SQ116**

For Sydney Metro, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Metro, between 9am to 10am Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 2,410.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 1,710.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$2.22.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$2.28.

**SQ117**

For Sydney Metro, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Metro, between 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 4,000.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 3,020.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$1.65.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$1.65.

**SQ118**

For Sydney Metro, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday, what is the:

- (a) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2020-21?
- (b) Average weekday patronage numbers in this time window for financial year 2021-22?
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21?
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that for Sydney Metro, between 6:30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday,

- (a) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2020-21 were about 1,410.
- (b) Average weekday trips in this time window for financial year 2021-22 were about 950.
- (c) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2020-21, was \$1.61.
- (d) Average fare paid by those customers for financial year 2021-22, was \$1.76.

**SQ119**

How many redundancies have been finalised at the New South Wales Department of Transport from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

Details of any redundancies are published in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.

**SQ120**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the New South Wales Department of Transport?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ121**

How many redundancies have been finalised at Transport for NSW from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ122**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at Transport for NSW?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ123**

How many redundancies have been finalised at Sydney Trains from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at Sydney Trains?

- (e) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (f) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?

- (g) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (h) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (i) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ124**

- How many redundancies have been finalised at RailCorp from July 2021 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
  - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
  - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
  - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

RailCorp no longer exists.

**SQ125**

- How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at RailCorp?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
  - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
  - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
  - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
  - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 124.

**SQ126**

- How many redundancies have been finalised at Sydney Ferries from July 2021 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
  - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
  - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
  - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

Sydney Ferries no longer exists.

**SQ127**

- How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at Sydney Ferries?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
  - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
  - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
  - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
  - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 126.

**SQ128**

How many redundancies have been finalised at NSW TrainLink from July 2021 to date?  
(a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?  
(c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?  
(d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ129**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at NSW TrainLink?  
(a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?  
(c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?  
(d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?  
(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

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

**SQ130**

How many redundancies have been finalised at State Transit from July 2021 to date?  
(a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?  
(c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?  
(d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ131**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at State Transit?  
(a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?  
(c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?  
(d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?  
(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ132**

How many redundancies have been finalised at Sydney Metro from July 2021 to date?  
(a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?

- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?  
(d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that from July 2021 to date, no redundancies were finalised by Sydney Metro.

**SQ133**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at Sydney Metro?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?  
(c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?  
(d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?  
(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there are no proposed redundancies at Sydney Metro.

**SQ134**

How many redundancies have been finalised at the Port Authority of New South Wales from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?  
(c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?  
(d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that from July 2021 to date, no redundancies were finalised at Port Authority of NSW.

**SQ135**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Port Authority of New South Wales?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?  
(c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?  
(d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?  
(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there are no proposed redundancies at Port Authority of NSW.

**SQ136**

How many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Transport Safety Investigations from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?  
(b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?  
(c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?  
(d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that from July 2021 to date, there have been two redundancies that have been finalised at the Office of Transport Safety Investigations.

- (a) Business Services Unit (previously named Office of the Chief Investigator)
- (b) Sydney CBD
- (c) January 2022
- (d) \$267,221

**SQ137**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Transport Safety Investigations?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there are no redundancies that have been proposed and/or announced but not yet to be finalised.

**SQ138**

How many redundancies have been finalised at the Point to Point Transport Commission from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ139**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Point to Point Transport Commission?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 119.

**SQ140**

How many redundancies have been finalised at the Transport Asset Holding Entity from July 2021 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?

(d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

This should be directed to the Minister for infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

**SQ141**

How many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Transport Asset Holding Entity?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

**ANSWER**

This should be directed to the Minister for infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

**SQ142**

How many Transport cluster staff are allocated to Ministerial Offices?

- (a) What are their names?
- (b) What are their substantive titles?
- (c) What are the roles or titles within each Minister's Office?
- (d) Have any assignments exceeded 18 months?
  - i. If so, which assignments?

**ANSWER**

Transport for NSW provides Departmental Liaison Officers to Ministerial Offices in accordance with Premier's Memorandum C2021-07 'Department Liaison Officers'.

**SQ143**

As of 26 August 2022, how many staff held positions in the organisational structure of the Office of the Secretary?

**ANSWER**

As at 31 August 2022, there are 49 staff employed within the Office of the Secretary.

**SQ144**

How many staff are employed within the office of each Deputy Secretary?  
What is the job title and employment level of each staff member?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that across the nine Divisions of Transport for NSW, there are 123 employees working within the Office of the Deputy Secretaries:

- Cities and Active Transport (7 staff)
- Customer Strategy and Technology (13 staff)
- Finance and Investment – Office of the Chief Financial Officer (17 staff)
- Greater Sydney (12 staff)
- Infrastructure and Place (18 staff)
- People and Culture and Corporate Services Divisions (17 staff)



Regional and Outer Metropolitan (23 staff)  
Safety Environment and Regulation (16 staff)

**SQ145**

Does Transport for NSW have any policy that limits the duration of acting positions or higher duty roles?

(a) What is the maximum duration of an acting or higher duties role?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Transport for NSW has a Higher Duties Procedure in place. The maximum duration an employee can act in a role on higher duties is six months. In exceptional circumstances, longer periods of higher duties or extensions beyond six months can be approved by the delegate. This applies to Transport for NSW Group Award employees, Roads and Maritime Services Group Consolidated Salaried and Traffic Signals awards employees, Transport Service Senior Managers and Executives and Sydney Metro Group Award employees.

The Transport for NSW Higher Duties for Wages Employees Procedure, applicable to Roads and Maritime Services Group Wages Award employees only, states that a role can be filled by higher duties up to a maximum period of six months only.

**SQ146**

What was the total number of NSW residents registered for the NSW Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, 34,602.

**SQ147**

What was the total budget for the NSW Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, \$41.59 million.

**SQ148**

What was the actual amount expended on the NSW Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, \$39.4 million.

**SQ149**

Accessibility upgrades at which train stations were funded in the 2022-2023 State Budget?

**ANSWER**

The Transport Access Program (TAP) is a NSW Government initiative delivering safe, modern and accessible public transport infrastructure across the state, improving access to train stations and ferry wharves for people with disability or limited mobility, and parents and carers with prams.

I am advised that, since 2011, more than \$2.2 billion has been invested in TAP, with approximately 520 projects completed or underway across NSW. As part of the 2022-23 NSW Budget, \$240.2 million in capital expenditure (\$342.4 million over four years) has been allocated to continue the upgrade of train stations under the third tranche of the Program, known as TAP3.

These include Clarendon, Denistone, Doonside, Erskineville, Killara, Normanhurst, Pymble, Redfern, St Peters, Thornleigh, Turrella, Stanmore, and Waitara in Greater Sydney. The \$240 million also includes funding for around 20 TAP upgrades outside of Greater Sydney.

Of the 28 station accessibility upgrades targeted for delivery in Greater Sydney between 2019 and 2023, 15 TAP3 station upgrades have already been delivered, with funding for the delivery of the remaining 13 stations included in the 2022-2023 budget.

**SQ150**

What was the total amount of money expended on Transport for NSW's Wheelchair Book and Ride program in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, \$1,353,663.

**SQ151**

What is the total amount of funding allocated for Transport for NSW's Wheelchair Book and Ride program in 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, \$1,380,732.

**SQ152**

What is the total number of passengers who accessed Transport for NSW's Wheelchair Book and Ride program in 2021-2022?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the total number of bookings requested in 2021-22 was 3,757. Passenger count information is not available.

**SQ153**

What is the total number of trips taken in 2021-2022 using Transport for NSW's Wheelchair Book and Ride program?

**ANSWER**

I am advised 3,615 bookings were fulfilled.

**SQ154**

What is the average wait time for a taxi or ride share for passengers using the program?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Transport for NSW does not hold this information. Enhancements will soon be delivered, which will enable average wait times to be tracked.

**SQ155**

Is this monitored by Transport for NSW?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Questions 154.

**SQ156**

Does Transport for NSW monitor or track the number of driver cancellations in the program?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, yes.

**SQ157**

How many wheelchair-enabled taxis are currently registered and in operation in NSW?

**ANSWER**

I am advised, 704.

**SQ158**

Following on from the Office of Transport Safety Investigation Report into the Ferry Pemulwuy Loss of Control in 2020, have all the recommendations been completed and implemented in all Generation 1 and 2 ferries?  
(a) Have OTSI completed any follow up assurances checks with the operator to confirm the work has been done?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that all recommendations have been implemented.  
The Office of Transport Safety Investigations continues to monitor, investigate and seek advice from Transdev Sydney Ferries regarding an ongoing intermittent steering control fault.  
The Office of Transport Safety Investigation has conducted multiple follow-up assurance checks and has sought advice from Transdev Sydney Ferries on what operational mitigation strategies have been implemented.  
The Office of Transport Safety Investigations is awaiting a formal internal investigation report from Transdev Sydney Ferries regarding the steering defects. The Chief Investigator will decide on any further action after reviewing that report.

**SQ159**

Noting the significant issues that have been experienced with the ten River Class Ferries, does the Office of Transport Safety Investigation have any investigations underway for this fleet?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the Office of Transport Safety Investigation is currently conducting enquiries into one incident involving River Class vessel MV Olive Cotton which occurred on 3 August 2022.  
Once information is received, OTSI will determine if any further action is required.

**SQ160**

Has there been oil leaks in the engine rooms of the Emerald Class Gen 2 ferries Balmoral, Fairlight and Clontarf?  
(b) What are the causes of the oil leaks?  
(c) What has been the process of fixing those leaks?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that oil leaks have been identified in the engine rooms of the Second Generation Emerald Class vessels - Balmoral, Fairlight and Clontarf. The matter was resolved by replacing the centrifuge shaft and staff have been trained to avoid over-tightening in the future.

**SQ161**

Has there been water leaks in the engine rooms of the Emerald Class Gen 2 ferries *Balmoral, Fairlight*?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there have been water leaks in the engine rooms of the Balmoral and Fairlight vessels. An interim solution has been put in place while discussions continue between Transdev Sydney Ferries and Birdon, the vessel builder, regarding a permanent solution.

**SQ162**

How many days have the three Emerald Class Gen 2 ferries Balmoral, Fairlight and Clontarf been taken out of passenger service in 2022 for maintenance reasons, both scheduled and unscheduled?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that, to date in 2022, the three Second Generation Emerald Class vessels have undergone scheduled and unscheduled maintenance across 114 days.

**SQ163**

There has been cracking reported on the hulls of the Emerald Class Gen 2 ferries Balmoral, Fairlight and Clontarf. What steps are being taken to repair the cracks in the hulls?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the cracking issues on the three vessels will be repaired under warranty. The vessels will have the minor repairs carried out at the first scheduled docking.

**SQ164**

What is the maximum swell height that the Emerald Class Gen 2 ferries Balmoral, Fairlight and Clontarf can operate to?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the maximum swell height for the safe operation of the vessels is 4.5 metres.

**SQ165**

The Region 9 Bus Network, the Eastern Suburbs, was transferred to a private operator. What is the name of the report that recommended that the Region 9 Bus Network be transferred to a private operator and is it publicly available?

(a) Were there dissenting recommendations regarding the decision to privatise the Region 9 Bus Network, either in an official report or email correspondence, by this Government from Transport NSW?

(b) Were any impact studies done to assess how this would impact public transport for the local community?

i. If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?

(c) Were there any specific impact studies that assessed bus route cuts, reduced bus frequency and journey times given that services would need to be streamlined to create profit for the private provider?

i. If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?

(d) Was the privatisation process a competitive bid process?

i. If so, how many private operators submitted bids for the Region 9 Bus Network, who assessed the submissions and are the submissions publicly available?

(e) Were any safeguards written into the contract between the Government and Transdev to mitigate against bus route and bus stops cuts, reduced bus frequency and longer journey times for commuters?

i. If not, why not?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that in 2019, the Government announced its intention to franchise the remaining three State Transit Authority bus regions.

As Transport for NSW has retained control of assets, routes, timetables and stops, there is no discernible change to commuters. Service changes introduced were designed to provide the best overall integrated public transport network outcomes for Sydney's south-east. Services were not altered for the franchising process. All Greater Sydney bus contracts have provisions that no changes to bus routes, stopping patterns, bus frequency or journey times can be made without approval from Transport for NSW.

The franchising of Region 9 services was a competitive, open market tender process. Details of the tender process remain confidential and the submissions are not publicly available.

**SQ166**

Multiple bus stops have been removed from the Region 9 Bus Network, were any impact studies conducted prior to the stops being removed?

(a) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?

(b) If no impact studies were conducted why and on whose recommendation?

(c) Why did the Government remove these stops?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Question on Notice 46.

**SQ167**

The Government pays the private bus operator per kilometre – was there a recommendation to cancel routes in the Region 9 Bus Network as a cost saving mechanism for the Government?

(a) Were there any reports or documents created by Transport NSW, the Government or a third-party contractor that included an assessment of expenditure reduction due to route terminations?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that bus routes in Sydney's south east were adjusted to support the introduction of Light Rail and provide new connections across multiple modes of transport to improve overall connectivity between different destinations. As with any transport project, costs were monitored to ensure value for money.

**SQ168**

How many complaints has the Government and Transport NSW received about bus route and bus stops cuts, reduced bus frequency and longer journey times since the Region 9 Bus Network came under private operation?

(a) What is the official complaints resolution process when the Government or Transport NSW receives a complaint about Transdev operation decisions?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that on 3 April 2022, the Region 9 Bus Network was franchised. There have been less than 50 received by Transport for NSW complaints since that time.

(a) I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 165, Transport for NSW has retained control of assets, routes, timetables and stops within Region 9.

**SQ169**

What mechanisms has the government put in place to ensure staff retention and reduce levels of staff turnover in the Region 9 Bus Network since it came under private operation?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the Operator has the responsibility for staff retention and turnover. Transdev John Holland Buses along with most bus Operators currently have a range of strategies to increase attraction to the industry. Transport for NSW will be soon be holding a workshop with contracted Greater Sydney and Outer Metropolitan Bus Operators discuss staff retention and recruitment.

**SQ170**

Who is responsible for ensuring buses used by the private operator are compliant with environmental standards, noise levels, pollution and all relevant regulations pertaining to the roadworthiness of the buses?

(a) Who is responsible for independently checking that the buses meet regulation standards for noise level, pollution, and overall roadworthiness of the buses?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the Operator is responsible for ensuring all vehicles in operation are designed, manufactured, and maintained within the Original Equipment Manufacturers requirements, and the Australian Design Rules for Heavy Automotive Vehicles. Transport for NSW also undertakes inspections under the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme every six months to ensure vehicles are safe and remain compliant to the relevant standards along with general vehicle safety. Should they fail this inspection they will not be able to operate services. All new buses must meet Australian Design Rules and all relevant NSW Road Rules to be eligible for registration in NSW.

**SQ171**

A significant number of bus drivers left Region 9 once the region was privatised. John Holland is now conducting extensive recruitment processes including finders' fees to try and rebuild the workforce

(a) Why do people not want to work for a private provider in region 9?

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 169.

**SQ172**

Transdev announced that track maintenance activities will be undertaken on the L2 Randwick and L3 Kingsford lines to improve network safety. What safety issues are being rectified on these light rail lines

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there are no current specific safety issues that are being addressed as part of the ongoing maintenance. Transdev undertakes regular ongoing maintenance to ensure that the rail infrastructure, including track maintenance, remains to standard.

**SQ173**

The South-East Sydney light rail has already had over \$1 billion blow out, and has been riddled with problems from day one; why did the NSW government remove 35 bus routes to funnel people onto this mode of transport?

**ANSWER**

The delivery of the CBD and South East Light Rail has redefined travel through our city and has decongested key routes in the CBD, with every light rail vehicle set able to carry up to 450 people.

The network integrates with other modes, by strengthening existing corridors and connecting major destinations such as Bondi Junction, Randwick and Mascot.

The new network includes buses integrating with rail and light rail to get local commuters as well as visitors to where they want to go and provide much-needed capacity, supporting existing and emerging travel patterns with improved frequency and connectivity across the region.

To help reduce duplication on the network, some bus routes were withdrawn and replaced by new or altered bus routes or frequent light rail services.

**SQ174**

What is the total amount the South-East Sydney light rail has cost the people of NSW so far?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the final cost of the CBD and South East Light Rail project or benefits realisation will not be known until Infrastructure NSW completes a final review in 2023.

**SQ175**

What is the staffing budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs in 2022/23?

a) 2021/22?

b) 2020/21?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the staffing budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs for 2022/23 is \$3,986,788

- a) The staffing budget for the office of Veterans Affairs in 2021/22 was \$3,850,028
- b) The staffing budget for the office of Veterans Affairs in 2020/21 was \$3,724,761.

**SQ176**

How many people have ceased employment at the Office of Veterans Affairs so far in the 2022/23 financial year?

- a) How many people ceased employment in the Office of Veterans Affairs in the 21/22 financial year?
  - i. 20/21?
  - ii. 19/20?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that in 2022/23 nil employees ceased employment in the Office of Veteran Affairs.

- a) 21/22 – Three
- b) 20/21 – One
- c) 19/20 - One

**SQ177**

What was the total dollar figure for payouts for redundancies/termination of employment for former employees in the Office of Veterans Affairs in 21/22?

- a) 20/21?
- b) 19/20?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there have been no redundancies or payouts in the Office for Veterans Affairs in the periods specified.

**SQ178**

Are there any quotas in the Office of Veterans Affairs in terms of the number of veterans that need to be employed?

- a) Are there any quotas in the Office of Veterans Affairs in terms of the number of family members of veterans that need to be employed?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that there are no quotas in the Office for Veterans Affairs. Each staff member is selected on merit according to the public service guidelines for the role and skills required. Veterans and their partners are encouraged to apply for roles.

**SQ179**

Can you detail the position title of each current employee in the Office of Veterans Affairs?



**ANSWER**

I am advised noting that the Director is also the Honorary Secretary for the Anzac Memorial and that Office for Veterans Affairs supports events, projects and communications at the Anzac Memorial as part of the Veterans portfolio:

- a) Director x 1
- b) Manager x 3 - Policy & Programs, Veterans Employment and Events and Communications
- c) Senior Policy Officer x 2 - including Veterans Strategy work and the Royal Commission
- d) Policy Officer x 1 - including all policy and programs
- e) Communications Officer x 1
- f) Project Manager x 1
- g) Assistant Communications Officer x 1
- h) Assistant Project Officer x 2 - Veterans Employment, Policy and Programs
- i) Executive Assistant x 1
- j) Administration Assistant x 1

**SQ180**

Can you detail the position title of each current employee at the Anzac Memorial?

**ANSWER**

I am advised:

- Operations Manager
- Visitor Services & Community Engagement Coordinator
- Property Manager
- Coordinator Learning
- Event Services Officer
- Administration/Retail Assistant
- Admin Support Officer
- Guiding Staff (3 full time, 1 part-time & 9 casual)
- Actor/Presenters (9 casual)
- Senior Historian and Curator
- Collection and Content Officer
- Exhibitions and Research Officer
- Assistant Collections Officer.

**SQ181**

During budget estimates on 26/08/2022, Ms Mackaness said there were around 340 Veterans Employment Program champions. Can you confirm that exact number?

- a) Ms Mackaness stated all champions were public servants. Can you provide a breakdown of what departments those champions belong to?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that at 26 August 2022 there were 379 Veterans Employment Program Champions, which broken down by Cluster include:

- Premier and Cabinet - 32
- Regional NSW - 10
- Enterprise, Investment and Trade -9
- Treasury - 17
- Health - 34
- Education - 44
- Stronger Communities - 133
- Transport - 39
- Customer Service - 32
- Planning and Environment – 29.

**SQ182**

Can you explain specifically how, when and where the workshop was advertised?

- a) Can you specifically explain what provisions were put in place to cater for veterans who were physically unable to attend?
- b) Caroline Mackaness mentioned in budget estimates on 26/08/2022 that regional locations for potential workshops were being explored. Have any locations been identified and if so, where?
  - i. When are the regional workshops likely to be held?
  - ii. Will there be capacity for people to attend virtually rather than in person?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Workshop advertising is via the Veterans Employment Program (VEP) website, LinkedIn, social media, VEP newsletters and at Australian Defence Force Transition Seminars.

- a) If veterans advised they were unable to attend, one-on-one support was offered with VEP staff or attendance at the next workshop. All venues used are able to cater for equal access.
- b) This is being discussed with the provider. No regional locations have yet been chosen. They will be considered in relation to veteran population data to ensure numbers meet cost benefit of providing. Remote delivery will also be considered.
  - i. Consideration is being given to running a regional workshop in the remainder of this year or first half 2023.
  - ii. If there is demand this will be considered.

**SQ183**

Karen Douglas Career Coaching and Consulting was chosen as the organisation to deliver the workshop. Was there a tender process regarding the organisation who would deliver the workshop?

- a) Has the Office of Veterans Affairs worked with Karen Douglas Career Coaching and Consulting before?
  - i. If so, provide specific examples of when, where and what on?
- b) How much was Karen Douglas Career Coaching and Consulting paid to deliver the workshop?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Karen Douglas was selected following recommendation from the Public Service Commission and interview by the Veterans Employment Program in relation to collaboration to develop a veteran specific program. Karen Douglas Career Coaching and Consulting is on the NSW Government's Performance and Management Services

Scheme, which provides a pool of suppliers prequalified to supply professional services to NSW Government.

- a) No. Karen Douglas has only worked on this particular program to develop and deliver this workshop.
- b) \$6,200 per workshop.

#### **SQ184**

Can you explain the recommendations, idea and concepts that have come out of the commonwealth, state and territory working group (which Ms Mackaness has been involved with since 2016) that have been implemented in NSW since 2016?

- a) In budget estimates in 26/08/2022, Ms Mackaness said there was a 'piece of work' being conducted on veterans in jail which was 'being led by South Australia but New South Wales is participating in'. Can you explain exactly how NSW has participated in that specific piece of work?
- b) In the past 24 months, when has the commonwealth, state and territory working group met?

#### **ANSWER**

I am advised that the Commonwealth, State and Territory Committee (CSTC) is a subordinate committee of the Veterans Ministerial Councils' Roundtable now named the Veterans' Wellbeing Taskforce (VWT). The CSTC acts as the main forum for dialogue between the jurisdictions about veteran initiatives and emerging issues affecting veterans. Collaboration has occurred in numerous areas including sharing of research and program information such as the NSW Veterans Employment Program and Commonwealth funded initiatives such as the Veterans Wellbeing Centres (now 'Veterans and Families Hubs'). One significant initiative was the inclusion of a veteran question in the Australian Census in 2021 that has enabled data on veterans and their families to better inform services and supports.

- a) In late 2021, the VWT requested the establishment of a Veteran Incarceration Policy Working Group to develop possible policy responses and jurisdictional initiatives to better support and understand veterans and their families who are in contact with corrective services systems. The Terms of Reference for this group have been established. Research led by Flinders University in South Australia on the experiences of ex-serving Australian Defence Force personnel in corrective services systems in Australia is also underway, and NSW is participating in this research. This work has been delayed by COVID-19 impacting access to prisons for face-to-face interviews and will not be finalised until the end of March 2023.
- b) CSTC meetings were held in February and August 2022; March, May, June, August, and September 2021; and March, July and November 2020.

#### **SQ185**

Can you specifically explain what support/assistance the NSW Government/Office of Veterans Affairs has provided the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide?

- a) Can you explain specifically what assistance/support the NSW Government/Office of Veterans Affairs is providing to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide in the next 12 months?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that the Crown Solicitor's Office has been appointed to represent the State at the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. In 2021 the Office for Veterans Affairs established an Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC) comprised of representatives from across NSW government agencies to monitor hearings and findings and coordinate NSW specific responses and address emerging issues from the Royal Commission. The IDC meets bimonthly. In April 2022, the NSW Government made a preliminary submission to the Royal Commission to provide information about NSW Government services and programs that support veterans.

- a) The NSW Government will continue to respond to Royal Commission requests for information.

**SQ186**

Can you explain what work has occurred on behalf of the NSW Government/Office of Veterans Affairs regarding the National Veterans Cemetery, since May 30 this year?

- a) Can you specifically provide details of what stakeholders you have met with in relation to this proposal as well as dates and venues where meetings took place?
- b) What work is expected to occur in the remainder of 2022 regarding the National Veterans Cemetery proposal

**ANSWER**

I am advised that since May 30 this year the Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) has provided information and advice to the NSW Minister for Veterans' office about the National Veterans Cemetery proposal.

- a) The OVA has not met with any stakeholders in relation to this proposal.
- b) No work is planned at this stage, pending further discussions and direction from the NSW Minister for Veterans and his discussions with the Commonwealth Minister responsible for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which has primary responsibility for this matter through the Office of Australian War Graves.

**SQ187**

Can you explain specifically what training has occurred for staff members of the Office of Veterans Affairs regarding how to counsel veterans and their loved ones should the scenario arise?

- a) Can you explain what training is scheduled/planned for staff members of the Office of Veterans Affairs regarding how to counsel veterans and their loved ones should the situation arise?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that The Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) staff do not counsel veterans or their families but refer all calls for assistance to appropriate services provided by Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs, other areas of NSW Government or Ex Service Organisations depending on the matter raised, which could relate to access to concessions, housing or health services. Training is supported for all staff in the OVA, across a range of different subjects and courses. Some training has been delayed due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the OVA does not deliver front line services, additional training for relevant staff is currently being sourced.

**SQ188**

Can you explain what resources are available to staff of the Anzac Memorial regarding counselling and wellbeing concerns?

- a) Can you explain specifically what training has occurred for staff members of the Anzac Memorial regarding how to counsel veterans and their loved ones should the scenario arise?
- b) Can you explain what training is scheduled/planned for staff members of the Anzac Memorial regarding how to counsel veterans and their loved ones should the situation arise?
- c) Can you explain what resources are available to staff of the Anzac Memorial regarding counselling and wellbeing concerns?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that Anzac Memorial staff can access all resources available through the Department of Communities and Justice.

- a) Anzac Memorial staff do not counsel veterans. Training that has been delivered is "Mental Health First Aid" and "Mental Health First Aid for the Suicidal Person". Both courses are to train staff to identify and respond appropriately, by providing initial support and potential referral as the situation determines.
- b) There are no courses planned for staff to become counsellors, but as the opportunity arises new members of staff will be trained on "Mental Health First Aid" and "Mental Health First Aid for the Suicidal Person".
- c) All staff have access to the Employees' Assistance Program and access to external organisations such as Beyond Blue. Additionally, the Memorial veterans have access to organisations such as Open Arms, RSL Lifecare and Crisis Support.

**SQ189**

Can you explain what stages of the Outer Sydney Orbital have been completed?

- (a) Can you explain what stages of the Outer Sydney Orbital are currently under construction?
  - i. Can you explain what stages of the Outer Sydney Orbital are currently in the planning stage?
  - ii. Can you explain when construction on the entire Outer Sydney Orbital is due to be complete?
  - iii. Can you explain when the entire Outer Sydney Orbital is due to open?
  - iv. Are there plans to toll the entire Outer Sydney Orbital, or parts of the Outer Sydney Orbital?

**ANSWER**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

**SQ190**

Can you explain what work/consultation/planning has occurred regarding the Outer Sydney Orbital stage 2 from Appin township to the Hume Motorway since the original route/corridor was abandoned?

- (a) When will the final route likely be determined?
- (b) When will construction likely begin?
- (c) What was the cost of construction for the original route?
  - i. Have any cost estimates been conducted regarding construction of the alternative route?

**ANSWER**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

**SQ0191**

Has a corridor for the section of the Outer Sydney Orbital, west of the Western Sydney Orbital, been reserved yet?

- (a) If not, when is it likely to be reserved?
- (b) When is construction on that section likely to begin?
- (c) When is construction on that section due to be complete?

**ANSWER**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

**SQ192**

A 2017 Deloitte report titled 'Western Sydney Airport Aviation Fuel Supply Corridor Options Report' stated Transport for NSW had 'commenced preliminary work to identify potential routes for a fuel pipeline'. Can you explain whether a final route has been identified?

- (a) If not, can you explain whether a shortlist of routes has been identified?
- (b) When do you anticipate a final route will be identified?

**ANSWER**

This questions should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

**SQ193**

Has Transport for NSW – or any other organisation – conducted any modelling regarding the number of properties that will be needed to be acquired either fully or partially in order to construct/operate the fuel pipeline?

**ANSWER**

This questions should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

**SQ194**

In 2018 Transport for NSW stated that 43 b-double tanker aviation fuel deliveries would be required each day once the airport commenced operations in 2026. However, an Infrastructure Australia document dated 17/02/2016 stated 50-65 b double tanker aviation fuel deliveries would be required. Have any further studies been conducted by either Transport for NSW or Infrastructure Australia since 2018 in order for both agencies to come to an agreeable number of required b double tanker aviation fuel deliveries each day?

- (a) If so, what is that number?
- (b) The 2018 Transport for NSW document also stated reliance on fuel transportation by heavy vehicles could "also generate congestion problems at the airport site". What information was used by Transport for NSW to come to that conclusion?
  - i. How has this issue been addressed?

(c) The 2018 Transport for NSW document also stated reliance on fuel transportation by heavy vehicles could 'contribute to delay costs along key freight corridors. What information was used by Transport for NSW to come to that conclusion?

i. How has this issue been addressed?

ii. Has Transport for NSW or any other organisation or conducted any modelling detailing what those costs along key freight corridors may be?

(d) The 2018 Transport for NSW document also stated reliance on fuel transportation by heavy vehicles could 'increase safety risks for road users. What information was used by Transport for NSW to come to that conclusion?

i. How has this issue been addressed?

#### **ANSWER**

This questions should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

#### **SQ0195**

Have any cost estimates regarding the construction of the fuel pipeline been formulated by Transport for NSW or any other agency or organisation?

If so, how much is the project expected to cost?

When is construction on the pipeline likely to begin?

When is construction on the pipeline expected to be complete?

#### **ANSWER**

This questions should be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

#### **SQ196**

For every agency, department, or state-owned corporation within your portfolio, please provide the following:

(a) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in communications services, including:

i. Contractor name,

ii. Contractor ABN,

iii. Service provided,

iv. Total cost paid

(b) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in PR services, including:

i. Contractor name,

ii. Contractor ABN,

iii. Service provided,

iv. Total cost paid

(c) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in marketing services, including:

i. Contractor name,

ii. Contractor ABN,

iii. Service provided,

iv. Total cost paid

(d) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in Government relations or lobbying services, including:

i. Contractor name,

ii. Contractor ABN,

iii. Service provided,

- iv. Total cost paid
- (e) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in industry or peak body membership, including:
  - i. Contractor name,
  - ii. Contractor ABN,
  - iii. Service provided,
  - iv. Total cost paid
- (f) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in policy or strategy development, including:
  - i. Contractor name,
  - ii. Contractor ABN,
  - iii. Service provided,
  - iv. Total cost paid
- (g) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in project management, including:
  - i. Contractor name,
  - ii. Contractor ABN,
  - iii. Service provided,
  - iv. Total cost paid
- (h) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in accounting and audit, including:
  - i. Contractor name,
  - ii. Contractor ABN,
  - iii. Service provided,
  - iv. Total cost paid
- (i) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in legal services, including:
  - i. Contractor name,
  - ii. Contractor ABN,
  - iii. Service provided,
  - iv. Total cost paid
- (j) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in any other services, including:
  - i. Contractor name,
  - ii. Contractor ABN,
  - iii. Service provided,
  - iv. Total cost paid

**ANSWER**

I am advised that agencies within the Transport and Infrastructure Cluster disclose in their Annual Report all consultancy engagements valued at more than \$50,000. All other third-party contractor engagements, where the value is in excess of \$150,000 are disclosed in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* on the NSW eTenders website.

**SQ197**

What is the percentage and total number of people who identify as having a disability who are currently employed by:  
(a) NSW Department of Transport  
(b) Newcastle Port Corporation  
(c) Transport Asset Holding Entity  
(d) Transport for NSW

**ANSWER**

I am advised that:



- (a) Workforce diversity data is published in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.
- (b) Newcastle Port Corporation is now known as Port Authority of NSW. Workplace diversity data is published in the Port Authority Annual Report.
- (c) This question should be redirected to the Minister for Cities, Infrastructure and Active Transport.
- (d) Workforce diversity data is published in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.

**SQ198**

What is the percentage and number of senior managers who currently identify as having a disability?

- (a) NSW Department of Transport
- (b) Transport for NSW
- (c) Newcastle Port Corporation
- (d) Transport Asset Holding Entity

**ANSWER**

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 197.