

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Public Transport Authority

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

1. I refer to Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, page 630, section titled 'Funded by' and I ask can the Minister provide a breakdown of what was funded via the drawdown from Royalties for Regions?

Answer:

1. Mandurah Train Station Car Park
2. Australind Railcar Replacement
3. Grain Freight Upgrades

2. I refer to Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, page 630, section titled 'New Works' and I ask:

(a) Can the Minister detail what is included in the Freight Rail Upgrades;

Answer:

The Public Transport Authority and the Department of Transport are working together with industry to identify areas for freight network improvements in the metropolitan area.

(b) Can the Minister detail what is included in the Grain Freight Upgrades; and

Answer:

The Grain Freight Upgrades delivers the 2021 election commitment to upgrade grain train loading sidings at Moora, Broomehill, Brookton and Cranbrook.

(c) Have business cases been completed for the works included in these upgrades?

Answer:

This is an election commitment. These investment aligns with CBH Group's prioritised upgrades to grain train loading facilities and will support an \$80 million investment by CBH Group.

3. I refer to Budget Paper No. 2, Vol 2, page 629, under 'asset investment program' and I ask:

(a) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the funding included in the Western Australia Agricultural Supply Chain Improvements;

Answer:

The list of projects is currently being developed.

(b) How much is the State Government contributing;

Answer:

\$40 million.

(c) What is the process for allocation of these funds;

Answer:

A steering committee has been established to oversee the allocation of the funding.

(d) When will the State Government submit an application to the Federal Government to allocate the remainder of these funds;

Answer:

When the business case is complete the State Government will submit an application to the Federal Government.

(e) Which bodies/individuals have made submissions to contribute to this process;

Answer:

A steering committee has been formed to oversee the allocation of the funding, in conjunction with feedback from community consultation that included farmers, residents and local government officials in Geraldton, Dalwallinu, Northam, Wagin, Merredin, Albany and Esperance.

(f) How will local projects be considered in any proposal put to the Federal Government; and

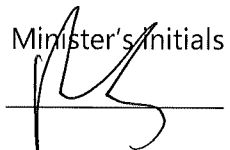
Answer:

The short list of submissions is still being reviewed and finalised by the steering committee.

(g) Will each individual local project have a business case developed?

Answer:

Business case development is underway.

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Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC asked:

1. I refer to Note 1 on page 625 of Western Australia State Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, referring to the forecast total cost of service increase for Metropolitan and Regional Passenger Services largely due to the increased annual METRONET operating costs. I ask:

(a) Do the increased costs forecasts include energy and fuel costs; and

Answer:

Total Cost of Service includes the energy and fuel costs for the forecast services.

(b) What is the Public Transport Authority's funding allocation for 2021-22 for energy efficiency measures and/or the purchase of renewable energy sources and/or storage to reduce overall energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions?

Answer:

The PTA has \$3.6 million allocated towards the installation of solar panels at Bus and train stations.

Transperth's first trial of electric buses is being delivered as part of the broader bus supply budget.

2. I refer to the CAT Bus Service Extension Trial listed as a New Initiative in the Spending Changes section on page 620 of Western Australia State Budget Paper 2, Volume 2. I ask does the funding allocation include the future conversion of Transperth diesel and gas buses to an electric fleet following the upcoming trial?

Answer:

The trial of electric buses on the Joondalup CAT network will commence in early-2022. Further decisions can be made following the trial.

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