

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Transport Portfolio

Hon Dr Brad Pettit asked:

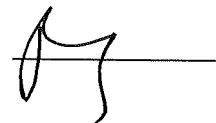
C1) Is anyone tracking mode share around how the state is performing, especially in the metro area, in terms of the split between people travelling by car, public transport, cycling and pedestrians? Is that captured? Could I perhaps ask that that data be provided, if possible?

Answer:

There are several ways to track how various transport modes perform:

1. Ipsos Social Research Institute, on behalf of Main Roads, is undertaking the Perth Area Travel and Household Survey (PATHS). The Survey began in 2018 and will continue until 2022. It collects information about the way in which Western Australians use the transport network across the Perth and Peel regions.
2. Transport trips or counts of individual transport modes tracked on a routine basis are as follows:
 - Traffic volumes on road links – more often major and other arterials than connectors or local roads - using fixed counters, temporary counters and/or traffic signal data (loop detector counts). Traffic counts in Western Australia are available on the Main Roads Western Australia website.
 - Public transport boardings and alightings at stations, and patrons on transit segments from SmartRider data. The Public Transport Authority only records the number of passengers (total boardings) who use the public transport system and that information is available on the Public Transport Authority website.
 - Cycle counts on cycle paths – most often Principal Shared Paths.
 - Pedestrian counts in some busy locations.

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Department of Transport

Hon Nick Goiran asked:

C2) What is the current waitlist to get a booking for a driver's licence assessment?

Answer:

There is no 'waitlist' for practical driving assessments (PDAs), with PDAs being released daily for both long and short-term appointments.



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Hon Nick Goiran asked:

C3) What is the eligibility criteria to drive in Western Australia with an international licence?

Answer:

Visiting interstate or overseas driver's licence holders who do not intend to become permanent WA residents may drive in WA while their driver's licence is current and valid.

Customers who hold an overseas driver's licence must apply for a WA driver's licence when:

- Their overseas driver's licence ceases to be valid in their home country.
- The person holds a permanent visa granted under the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth).
- The period for which the person has been a resident in this State since the granting of that visa exceeds three calendar months.

If a customer has been granted a permanent visa, they are authorised to continue driving on their overseas driver's licence, provided it is current, for a period of three months from the initial date of grant of that permanent visa. After this point, the customer's eligibility to drive on the overseas driver's licence ceases, regardless of whether it is current or not. If the customer is granted a permanent visa while residing outside of WA, the three-month period does not begin until the customer is in WA.



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Department of Transport

Hon Nick Goiran asked:

- C4) With respect to obtaining a driver's licence assessment, are there circumstances in which a person in hardship can obtain a priority assessment?

Answer:

Each request for a priority assessment is made on a case-by-case basis and application for consideration can be made to the local Department of Transport Driver and Vehicle Service Centre Manager.



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Hon Nick Goiran asked:

C5) How many driver assessors are employed by the Department of Transport?

Answer:

In WA, there are currently 88 Driver Assessors. The Department of Transport (DoT) also has additional Driver Assessors and temporary driving assessors in training.

There are five 'fee for service' contract Driver Assessors primarily operating in the Wheatbelt region.

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Main Roads Western Australia/Public Transport Authority

Hon Donna Farragher asked:

- C6) I understand traffic modelling was undertaken with regard to the closure of Robinson Road as part of the Bellevue Facility. Can you please provide me with that traffic modelling?

Answer:

The *Robinson Road Level Crossing Removal, Rapid Operational Modelling Summary – Network Operations* and covering letter is attached. The document shows closure of Robinson Road level crossing does not have a significant immediate impact on traffic flow through the surveyed intersections, with negligible net effect on traffic in the near term.

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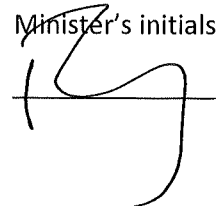
Hon Nick Goiran asked:

C7) Is the Minister satisfied with the existing PDA booking system, and if not, what improvements are proposed?

Answer:

DoT constantly monitors the PDA process to identify potential improvements. DoT also monitors its Driver Assessor resources for any changes in demand and will move resources to areas where the demand is greatest.

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Department of Transport – METRONET Office

Hon Dr Brad Pettit:

C8) Of the 22 stations to be created out of the METRONET Program, how many will be transit-oriented developments (TOD) (Please list each station and its type).

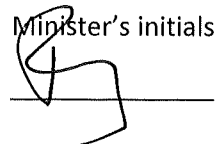
Answer: The METRONET Office has identified six types of precinct when it comes to station development.

All precinct types, other than Transit Nodes, can support Transit Oriented Development in the form of housing, employment or community activities.

The 22 METRONET Stations and their type of development are listed below:

Types of METRONET Station Development				
Strategic Centre	Town Centre	Neighbourhood Centre	Specialised Centre	Transit Node
Cannington Station	Alkimos Station	Carlisle Station	Airport Station	Noranda Station
Ellenbrook Station	Bayswater Station	Lakelands Station		Ranford Road Station
Midland Station	Byford Station	Morley Station		
Yanchep Station	Claremont Station	Nicholson Road Station		
	Eglinton Station	Oats Street Station		
	High Wycombe Station	Queens Park Station		
	Malaga Station	Whiteman Park Station		
	Redcliffe Station			

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Public Transport Authority

Hon Neil Thomson asked:

C9) Can you elaborate a little bit on the radio systems replacement project with regard to expenditure in the 2020-21 financial year?

Answer:

The cost to date of the High Capacity Signalling program, which incorporates the radio systems replacement project is \$55.12m

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Public Transport Authority

Hon Neil Thomson asked:

C10) Can you please provide the total COVID-19-related cleaning cost breakdowns for ferries, buses and trains from before March 2020 to present time?

Answer:

COVID-19 related cleaning costs for the public transport network was \$6.74m in 2019-20 and \$20.20m in 2020-21.



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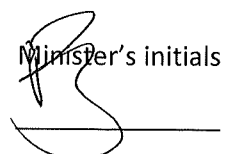
Department of Transport – METRONET Office

Hon Neil Thomson asked:

We have the "Total Cost of Asset Investment Program" mostly to do with Metronet, so there are a lot of good projects in there, \$1.58 billion for 2021–22. We have some good information in relation to the source of the commonwealth funding. I see that escalates up quite considerably in the following year. But I was curious in relation to the "Funded By" section to do with the "Capital Appropriation—Other (Land Sales Proceeds)". There is a not insignificant amount of \$2.1 million, then \$9.3 million, through to \$4 million, then \$12 million.

C11) Can the Minister please outline what those land sales look like?

Answer: The forecast reflects surplus land assets that have been identified and are being prepared for sale.

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Public Transport Authority

Hon Nick Goiran asked:

I would like to ask about revenue that is raised by way of advertising on Public Transport Authority assets. Three years ago in the estimates, we were told that \$10.5 million would be derived from advertising on PTA assets.

The year just closed being 2020–21; what is the budgeted amount for the current financial year?

C12) What is the amount budgeted for that revenue in the forward estimates for each of the years?
Is it also going to be \$6.8 million?

Answer:

Budgeted Revenue	2021-22 \$'million	2022-23 \$'million	2023-24 \$'million	2024-25 \$'million
Advertising	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3

C13) With regard to the \$5.2 million of revenue that was derived from advertising in the last financial year, what were the number of complaints that were received by the Public Transport Authority regarding advertising content?

Answer: 13


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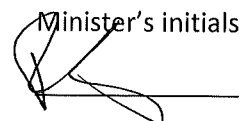
C14) What data collection and tracking is done to look at long-term trends?

Answer:

Main Roads captures and processes traffic data from thousands of ITS sensors on the road network.

At the conclusion of each financial year, the relevant data is processed into an annual Cost of Congestion analysis. The results from this analysis are used by Main Roads to track congestion trends, year on year, and month on month and to evaluate the impacts of projects on the wider metropolitan road network.

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Main Roads Western Australia

Hon Donna Faragher:

METRONET—Caledonian Avenue Level Crossing Closure - I just have a couple of questions in and around this. My understanding is that the crossing is expected to close next year. Have we got a time frame as to when that is likely to be?

C16) Am I able to receive a breakdown of all the road upgrades and/or bridge improvements that are associated with this project, when those works are due to commence, and their expected time frame? It would be helpful to know which ones are coming first and then throughout and then the expected time frame for the completion of each of those.

Answer:

\$15 million has been allocated to deliver a number of road enhancements following the closure of the Caledonian Avenue Level Crossing in the first half of 2022. The funding package will improve access and safety in the Maylands Town Centre and includes:

- Upgrades to Caledonian Avenue, Whatley Crescent and Railway Parade
- Two traffic lanes in each direction on Whatley Crescent, between Railway Parade and Garratt Road
- Installation of traffic signals at Whatley Crescent and Railway Parade
- Installation of traffic signals at Guildford Road and Seventh Avenue
- Pedestrian upgrades at Guildford Road and Eighth Avenue

Construction work on these projects will commence on a staged basis from 2022.

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Hon Martin Aldridge:

C17) Would you be in a position to tell me how much the department spends on streetlighting?

Answer:

In the 2020-21 financial year Main Roads paid \$2,718,104.86 to Synergy for power bills associated with Main Roads street lighting. This includes traffic lights and Intelligent Transport Systems, as well as streetlighting.


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Hon Peter Collier:

C18) The sound wall around Warwick on the freeway there that has been committed to from the government. There was, I think, \$16 million in the election. I asked a couple of questions on it.

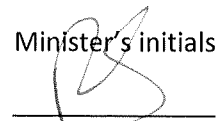
Can you tell me why the west side of the freeway is not being done; it is only the east side?

Answer:

The amenity wall referred to forms part of the Smart Freeway Mitchell Southbound: Hester to Warwick Project and will be installed alongside Twickenham Drive from around Whitfords Train Station to Westham Court in Kinglsey.

On projects where only one side of a freeway is being upgraded, it is not normal practice to construct noise walls or other mitigation measures on the opposite side of the freeway.

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