

ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS



Public Transport Authority

Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1. I refer to the Minister's answers to Questions Prior to Hearing received 10 October 2017 in which the Minister advised that the only stakeholders who were consulted in the development of the Public Transport Authority's advertising policy were "Internal PTA stakeholders", and I ask:

- a) Who were those stakeholders;

Answer:

Internal divisions within the Public Transport Authority (PTA). This process remains unchanged from the process in place under the previous Government.

- b) Did they provide any feedback; and

Answer:

No.

- c) If yes to 2, in what form did they provide their feedback?

Answer:

Not applicable.

2. I refer to the Minister's evidence at the Hearing on 18 October 2017 in which the Minister advised that the relevant decisions makers (regard the appropriateness and acceptability of advertising) were not present, and I ask:

- a) Who were the relevant decision makers; and

Answer:

APN and staff from PTA who manage the APN contract.

- b) Why were they not present at the hearing?

Answer:

It would not be normal or appropriate for an APN representative or the PTA's contract manager whose duties include managing the advertising contract to be present at an Estimates and Financial Operations Committee hearing. There are numerous PTA senior staff whose areas of responsibility might be raised at Estimates and it is not practical they all attend.

3. I refer to clause 5.2.1 of the Public Transport Authority's (PTA) advertising policy active as at January 2017 which states that "the objective of Commercial Advertising on PTA Advertising Sites is to maximise revenues for the PTA", and I ask:
- a) How many advertisements were approved for display on Transperth buses for the calendar months of:
 - i. July 2017;
 - ii. August 2017; and
 - iii. September 2017; and
 - b) Further to (a), will the Minister table a copy of each advertisement?

Answer:

(a-b) Providing this level of information is an extremely time consuming process and is not considered to be a reasonable use of government resources. If the Member has a specific question about a specific advertisement, the PTA can accommodate this request.

4. I refer to the Public Transport Authority's investment of \$535.8 million across the forward estimates (including \$112.8 million in 2021-22) for the construction of two new stations at Nicholson Road and Ranford Road and the announcement by the now Premier during the 2017 election campaign as this being a \$474 million investment with a completion date of 2021, and I ask:
- a) Is the construction scheduled to be complete in the first or second half of the 2021-22 financial year;

Answer:

The Government is planning to complete the stations within the expected completion times identified during the campaign, but at this stage in planning, there is no construction schedule.

- b) Why is there a 13% increase of \$61.8 million in the projected costs for these rail extensions; and

Answer:

The current cost estimate includes escalation.

- c) Where will the additional funding come from to address this blowout?

Answer:

The current estimated cost is funded in the 2017-18 Budget.



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Public Transport Authority of Western Australia

Hon Dr Steve Thomas MLC asked:

1. I refer to the transport and stockpiling of soils from the Forrestfield Airport Link project which are contaminated with per and poly fluoro alkyl substances (PFAS) and I ask:

- (a) Is the soil being transported to the stockpile site by truck and if so are the loads covered and how many transport movements per day does this involve;

Answer:

Yes the soil is transported by truck. The loads are not covered and there are approximately 100 truck movements per day. This issue was known by the previous Government.

- (b) Is the soil classified as a controlled waste under the Environmental Protection Act 1986;

Answer:

No.

- (c) Is the contaminated soil being stockpiled at a designated landfill site and if so of what class;

Answer:

No.

- (d) Is the stockpile of contaminated soil covered;

Answer:

No.

- (e) Is the stockpile site lined with a single or double barrier lining, and if not why not; and

Answer:

No. That is not required under the approved management plan due to the low level of PFAS detected in the spoil.

- (f) Given the highly soluble nature of PFAS what testing of nearby surface water and groundwater has been conducted and what were the results of this testing?

Answer:

Prior to use of the site, PTA undertook baseline testing of nearby surface water and groundwater. PFAS was detected in all samples.



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Public Transport Authority of Western Australia

Hon Colin Tincknell MLC asked:

1. Can the Minister please supply a detailed listing of the various office locations used by the Public Transport Authority, including information on whether these premises are publicly or privately owned, and any annual rental figures for their use?

Answer:

The following is a listing of PTA office locations:

- Public Transport Centre, 116 West Parade East Perth – publicly owned.
 - Perth station including the Horseshoe Bridge, 378 Wellington Street, Perth – publicly owned.
 - Forresterfield- Airport Link Office (provided as part of construction contract), 525 Great Eastern Highway, Redcliffe - privately owned.
 - Transwa Ticket Office, 75 Chapman Road, Geraldton– privately owned and leased by the PTA for \$20,000 per annum.
 - Transwa Ticket Office, Lot 105 Proudlove Parade, Albany - publicly owned – nominal rental of \$10 per annum.
 - Transwa Ticket Office, Kalgoorlie station - publicly owned.
 - Transwa Ticket Office, Bunbury Walliston station - publicly owned.
 - Transwa Ticket Office, Northam station - publicly owned.
 - Transwa Ticket Office, Merredin station - publicly owned.
2. Can the Minister advise on the likelihood of any contracts that will be exempted from public listing on Tenders WA to be entered into by the Department in the next 12 months? I refer to contracts that, for various reasons as listed by the Department of Finance, are not required to be advertised or listed publicly but must be recorded on each agency's exemption register and must receive an approved Request for Exemption. How much will these contracts approximately cost and what service or goods will be provided?

Answer:

It is not expected that any contracts that will have exemption status from public listing on Tenders WA.

