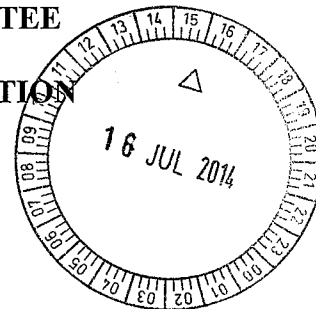


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Monday, 21 July 2014

Department of Transport

Question No 1: Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked –

I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, "Significant Issues Impacting the Agency" at page 795, and ask -

- a) *Has the Public Transport for Perth in 2031 Plan been presented to the Minister for approval? If not, what resources are dedicated to the finalisation of this report?*
- b) *No, the plan will be presented to the Minister for approval within the third quarter of 2014. The work to finalise the plan is resourced internally by Department of Transport. When did work on this public transport plan begin?*

Work to develop the original draft Public Transport Network Plan for consultation commenced after the 2008 election.

- c) *Has the Moving People Network Plan been presented to the Minister for approval? If not, what resources are dedicated to the finalisation of this report?*
- d) *No, the plan will be presented to the Minister for approval within the third quarter of 2014. The work to finalise the plan is resourced internally by Department of Transport. Has the Freight and Intermodal Network Plan been presented to the Minister for approval? If not, what resources are dedicated to the finalisation of this report?*

No, the plan will be presented to the Minister for approval within the third quarter of 2014. The work to finalise the plan is resourced internally by Department of Transport.

- e) *How does the Department measure congestion in the CBD and the metropolitan area?*

Main Roads uses the strategic transport model ROM24 to forecast total vehicle hours travelled across Perth on an average weekday. ROM24 provides the capability to model travel demand share across the five major transport modes; car driver, car passenger, walking, cycling and public transport. The ROM24 model also incorporates an innovative traffic assignment algorithm to more accurately model the impact of congestion on our road network.

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- f) What increases in congestion does the Department forecast over the forward estimates?*

Using vehicle hours of travel (VHT) as a measure of congestion, the model shows an increase of 2.3 per cent annually:

- g) What steps will the Government take to encourage commuters to shift public transport travel to off-peak times?*

Free public transport is currently available to seniors, carers, aged and disability support pensioners between the hours of 9.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and all day on the weekends and public holidays. This initiative not only supports those sections of the community that are generally less advantaged, it also assists in spreading some of the transport task away from the heavy peak periods.

- h) What measures are underway to ease congestion on the Reid, Roe and Tonkin Highways for access to major industrial areas and the airport?*

The Gateway project is under construction, the Northlink project is in the planning stage and is funded for construction, grade separations are funded at the Tonkin Highway intersections with Benara Road, Morley Drive and Collier Road and grade separation is funded at Reid Highway and Malaga Drive. In addition, Commonwealth funding has been secured for the Perth Freight Link project. Once completed these combined projects will create a freight freeway along the Reid/Tonkin and Roe Highways from Erindale Road through to Stock Road and also along Stock Road from Roe Highway to Leach Highway.

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Department of Transport

Question No 2: Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked –

I refer to Budget Paper No 2. Volume 2, "Significant Issues Impacting the Agency" at page 796, and ask -

a) What financial resources and FTE are dedicated to the monitoring of compliance, security and customer service standards in the implementation of the Taxi Driver's Licencing Bill?

Answer: Given that the Department of Transport administers multiple pieces of legislation in the on-demand transport area, it is unlikely there will be any staff dedicated solely to compliance, security and customer standards for the Taxi Drivers Licensing Bill (TDL).

24 full time equivalents (FTE) will have an involvement in the administration of the TDL on a regular basis. Approximately a further 8 FTE will have some involvement in the monitoring of compliance, security and customer service standards. These figures exclude temporary FTE being used for the implementation and transition process (approximately 5 FTE).

In Regional Western Australia, there are 17 full time Regional Transport Officers who provide compliance and other services as part of their work function across the State.

Total budget for implementation of the TDL, is \$1.252m recurrent and \$3.676m capital over the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years.

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Department of Transport

Question No 3: Hon Lynn Maclaren MLC asked –

I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, " Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies" at page 805, and ask –

a) What parts of the Western Australia Bicycle Network will not be completed over the forward estimates due to the drop in funding from \$16.5 million in 2014-15 to \$6.3 million for each year of the forward estimates?

The Department of Transport will review the delivery schedule of the Principal Shared Path (PSP) program after completion of design and costing for the priority PSP projects identified in the Western Australia Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031. The projects will then be matched to available funding, including a rebalancing of funds in the Forward Estimates if necessary.

b) What proportion of WABN grants are directed to local governments?

All of the allocated \$2.66m per annum is directed to local government.

A further \$1.1m will be directed to the City of Swan to construct the West Parade, South Guildford shared path by June 2015.

c) How much are local governments expected to contribute in-kind?

Local government are expected to contribute 50 per cent to Western Australian Bicycle Network grants projects. The funding agreements do not include an in-kind contribution of resources.

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Department of Transport

Question No 4: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What studies, strategies or plans is the department currently working on?

Answer: As part of its activities, the Department of Transport (DoT) undertakes numerous short, medium and long-term studies, strategy development and plans. Given the significant resources that would be required to respond to the question, DoT would be happy to provide information in regard to any specific study, strategy or plan of interest to the Committee.

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Question No 5: Hon Ken Travels MLC asked –

When is it expected that the study, strategy or plan will be completed?

Answer: Not applicable

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Question No 6: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What is the current estimated date when the plan will be publically released?

Answer: Not applicable

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Question No 7: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What is the estimated total cost of the study, strategy or plan and how much will be spent in the 2014-15 financial year?

Answer: Not applicable

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Question 8: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

Does the study, strategy or plan involve anyone who is not a direct employee of the department and if so, who?

Answer: Not applicable

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Question No 9: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

Is the Department of Transport considering the installation of cameras into regional taxis?

Answer: Yes. Installation will commence in the Peel region.

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Department of Transport

Question No 10: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

Will the DoT be aligning the penalties for fare evasion in regional taxis to be the same at fare evasion in metropolitan taxis?

Answer: There are no specific plans to align penalties for fare evasion in regional areas with the metropolitan area.

The Department of Transport is aware that fare evasion is an issue throughout WA, and is working with industry groups on measures to prevent fare evasion from occurring in the first instance.

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Department of Transport

Question No 11: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

I refer to Budget Paper 2, Volume 2 at page 795 and ask what long term structural additions to the city's transport network is the Department of Transport assessing?

Answer:

The Moving People and Public Transport Network Plans will outline the proposed additions to the transport network to meet travel demands for a city with a population of 2.7 million.

Work has commenced in developing a transport plan for a city of 3.5 million, and will encompass potential new railways to complement the Joondalup and Mandurah Lines, a railway corridor for the metropolitan north east corridor; a corridor for a high speed railway to Bunbury, and additional north-south freeway corridors. The work is only at the preliminary stage to understand origin-destination travel patterns.

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Department of Transport

Question No 12: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

How is the outcome of the trial in Bunbury of heavy combination and heavy rigid practical driving assessment being measured?

Answer: Over the course of the Trial, a total of 1,114 HC and HR Practical Driving Assessments (PDA) were undertaken by the three partner providers. The average pass rate for these PDAs was 81 per cent and of the total number of PDAs, 233 or approximately 21 per cent have been extensively audited by Department of Transport (DoT) officers.

The number of heavy vehicle PDAs undertaken in the Bunbury and Busselton CBD by DoT Assessors was reduced from 1,018 in the corresponding period in 2012 to only 28 in the trial period in 2013. This was a positive response to local community concerns about the number of truck movements in the Bunbury and Busselton CBD. Customers were given a choice of using a partner provider or DoT Driver Assessors in Bunbury/Busselton to undertake their PDA. The evidence above shows a clear preference of customers for the partner providers service delivery model which offers greater choice and convenience.

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Department of Transport

Question No 13: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked -

What work is the department doing on the sale of Utah Point facility?

The Department of Transport has coordinated and contributed to preliminary analysis of key issues of relevance to the proposed divestment.

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Monday, 21 July 2014

Department of Transport

Question No 14: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What work is the department doing on the sale of Kwinana Bulk Terminal?

The Department of Transport has coordinated and contributed to preliminary analysis of key issues of relevance to the proposed divestment.

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Department of Transport

Question No 15: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

Can the Minister provide a summary of cycling expenditure and the name of each project in each financial year since 2009/10?

Answer:

Department of Transport (DoT) cycling expenditure over the period 2009-10 to 2012-13 is:

- 2009-10: \$2 537 000
- 2010-11: \$2 673 000
- 2011-12: \$2 639 000
- 2012-13: \$2 879 000

Estimated DoT cycling expenditure for the 2013-14 period is \$12m.

The major DoT funded cycling projects over this period include:

2009-10

- Perth to Fremantle Principal Shared Path (PSP) from Claremont to Swanbourne lighting upgrade

2010-11

- Perth to Armadale PSP from Welshpool Road to Lacey Street (part funded)
- Perth to Fremantle PSP Shenton Road underpass to Claremont Station

2011-12

- Perth to Midland PSP from Tonkin Highway to Bassendean Station

2012-13

- Perth to Fremantle PSP, Arena West.

2013-14

- Kwinana Freeway PSP from Thelma Street to Mill Point Road (path upgrade).
- Perth to Midland PSP from Bassendean Station to Success Station (new path).
- Mitchell Freeway PSP from Erindale Road to Balcatta Road (new path).
- Kwinana Freeway PSP from Scandrett Way to London Way (new path).

Over 250 Perth Bicycle Network and Regional Bicycle Network grants projects have been delivered since 2009-10. These projects have primarily included shared paths, bike lanes (on road shoulders), bike shelters (end of trip facilities) and bicycle network plans.

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Main Roads spent \$17.35 million on cycling infrastructure as part of major road projects in the period 2011/12-2012/13. Specific details of these projects is not available at this stage.

The PTA has spent \$0.68 million on cycling infrastructure as part of the extension of the Joondalup Line from Clarkson to Butler.

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Department of Transport

Question No 16: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What cycle infrastructure projects have been formally committed to by the Department?

- a) What is the estimated cost of the project?*
- b) When will work commence on the project?*
- c) When will work be completed?*

Answer:

(a-c)

For the Principal Shared Paths network, four contracts are in place to a value of \$8.9m:

- Kwinana Freeway (Thelma Street to Mill Point Road) - path upgrade
 - Contract value is \$3.1m (including \$0.5m from Main Roads for construction of a river wall).
 - Construction has started and is due for completion by the end of August 2014.
- Perth to Midland rail line (Bassendean Station to Success Station) - path extension
 - Contract value is \$3.1m.
 - Construction is underway and is due for completion in Dec 2014.
- Mitchell Freeway (Erindale Road to Balcatta Road) - new path
 - The estimated contract value is \$2.2m.
 - Construction is underway and is due for completion in September 2014.
- Kwinana Freeway (Scandrett Way to London Way) - new path
 - The estimated contract value is \$0.5m.
 - The contract is awarded due for completion at the end of July 2014.

A number of other major Principal Shared Paths projects are at the detailed design stage and are scheduled for construction through the 2014-15 to 2016-17 periods. Projects designed and to be commenced from 2015 include:

- Perth-Midland rail line(Guildford Station to Morrison Road) - new path;
- Perth-Fremantle rail line (Loch Street Station to Shenton Park Station) -new path;
- and
- Mitchell Freeway (Karrinyup Road to Erindale Road) - new path.

\$1.1m has been allocated in 2014-15 for construction of the West Parade shared path, South Guildford by June 2015. The project will be delivered by the City of Swan.

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Within the CBD, construction of the Barrack Street bike lanes (Riverside Drive to St Georges Terrace) will be funded in 2014-15. The project is scheduled to start late in 2014.

A number of commitments have been entered into for provision of grants for a range of local bike paths, as part of the annual grant allocation to local government. A total of 51 PBN and RBN projects to the value of \$6,011,557 have been approved for 2014-15 which will bring an additional 22.2 km to the network. The Government's contribution to these projects is \$2.66 million. These projects will be undertaken by Local Government and are required to be completed by 30 June 2015.

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Department of Transport

Question No 17: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What modelling has been done on the impact on the move of year seven students to high school will have on transport services on schools?

Answer: In 2011, for the Perth metropolitan area, Transperth sought information from schools about anticipated Year 7 enrolments (for 2015) and combined this with an analysis of SmartRider data usage (based on Year 8 take up rates) and existing bus loadings to determine the likely number of additional buses that would be required to cater for the transition of Year 7 students into high school. For regional towns, the Public Transport Authority used known existing bus patterns and anticipated school enrolments to determine bus needs.

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Department of Transport

Question No 18: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

Which schools will require additional services?

Answer: While intake will vary across schools, Transperth currently anticipates that Churchlands, Canning Vale, Rossmoyne and Baldivis Senior High Schools will require additional services in 2015. Services to other schools will be allocated as demand dictates. For schools in regional areas, it is anticipated that the following towns will be allocated additional buses:

- Albany
- Bunbury
- Busselton
- Carnarvon
- Esperance
- Geraldton
- Kalgoorlie
- Karratha
- Kununurra
- Broome

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Question No 19: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

How many additional bus services will they require?

Answer: Transperth has allocated an additional 36 buses to cater for the increased demand in the Perth metropolitan area and an additional 10 buses for regional town services.

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Department of Transport

Question No 21: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

How much has been allocated in the State Budget for the additional infrastructure?

Answer: In the state budget, \$24.3m has been allocated for the additional 46 buses required for the move of Year 7 students to high school.

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