

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

Department of Transport

The Committee asked:

1) I refer to Budget Paper No. 2, volume 2, page 588, Spending Changes—Ongoing Initiatives—Westport, which shows that over two years (2022-23 to 2023-24), an additional \$16 million will be spent on feasibility studies. Yet Budget Paper No. 3, page 157, states that an additional \$3.5 million has been allocated over these two years to develop feasibility studies.

a) On what will the remaining \$12.5 million be spent; and

Answer: The \$16 million is allocated across the Department of Transport and Fremantle Port Authority budgets.

b) How much has already been spent on feasibility studies for the Westport project?

Answer: Nil

2) I refer to Budget Paper No. 2, volume 2, page 592, Services and Key Efficiency Indicators—1. Strategic Transport Policy and Integrated Planning, note 1, which states that the project expenditure for the Swan River Cyclist and Pedestrian Bridge was transferred from the Department to Main Roads WA in 2021-22.

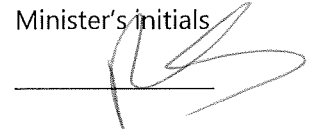
a) Was this a transfer of appropriation authorised under section 25(2) of the Financial Management Act 2006; and

Answer: This was not a transfer of appropriation; it was an equity distribution from the Perth Parking Management Account.

b) If so, why does the transfer not appear in Budget Paper No. 3, Table 4.3 starting on page 270, and why is it not discussed on page 273, Transfers?

Answer: Not applicable.

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Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1) I refer to page 593, Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, the increase in FTE costs in order to address the waiting time for booking of practical driving assessments, and I ask:

a) What is the average wait time to obtain a practical driving assessment?

Answer: As of 3-pm Thursday 7 July 2022, 935 practical driving assessments (PDAs) were available across metropolitan sites, with the first available date being between 11 July

As the online booking system is live, there is no way to measure an average wait time for PDA bookings.

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

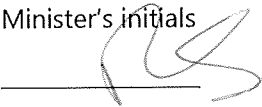
Answer: 66.49 FTE as of 1 July 2022.

c) How many applications were made for a priority assessment this year; and

d) How many applications for a priority assessment were approved this year?

Answer (c-d): The Department of Transport (DoT) does not offer priority PDAs.

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Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC asked:

1) I refer to page 587 Budget Paper No. 2, Vol. 2, Transport, Appropriations, Expenses and Cash Assets, specifically the \$47m to improve local government cycling networks, and I ask:

a) What projects does the Cycling Election Commitments Package consist of and can you provide a further budget breakdown of each one; and

Answer: Key projects include:

- Hillarys cycle network: \$8.14m
- Geraldton cycling network: \$4.24m
- Railway Avenue (Kelmscott): \$1.38m
- Rosedale Road Shared Path: \$1.09m
- Koondoola-Wanneroo Bike Path: \$0.74m
- Gnangara Shared Path: \$0.355m

b) The state government invested \$16.7m in the 2021-22 Budget to deliver priority projects for road safety and cycling which included the Soldiers Road Shared Path. Is the funding allocated for the Soldiers Road Shared Path for 2022-23 new funding, and how does it differ from the funding spent in the previous financial year?

Answer: The project is primarily funded by \$3m from the WA Recovery Plan. Funding has been carried forward due to infrastructure planning as part of the Byford Rail Extension project.

2) I refer to page 588, Budget Paper No. 2 Vol. 2, Spending Changes, New Initiatives, and the \$200,000 allocated to Election Commitment- Mount Lawley Cycling Network. I ask can you please provide details about what this money will be spent on and what community engagement will take place prior to its expenditure?

Answer: Cycle network planning in the Mount Lawley area. The project scope is in development.

3) I refer to page 589, point 12 of Significant Issues Impacting the Agency in Budget Paper No. 2, Vol. 2 and I ask can a full list of the transport initiatives that account for the 'over \$150m' investment as part of the Perth City Deal be provided, along with detail on where the relevant expenditure can be found in the budget papers?

Answer: The allocation of \$100m for the Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridge sits with Main Roads WA. The remaining \$45m is reflected in the budget papers on page 590 under the Service Cost 1 "Strategic Transport Policy and Integrated Planning". The \$12m City of Perth contribution to the Roe Street Enhancement is not reflected in the budget papers.

4. I refer to the line-item Perth City Deal CBD Transport Plan on page 601 of Budget Paper No. 2, Vol. 2, and I ask:

a) The estimated actual spend for 2021-22 is \$14.935m, the 2022-23 budget allocation is \$19.715m and 2023-24 outyear amount is \$2.35m. However, these amounts sum to approx.

\$5m less than the original 2021-22 budget amount of \$41.218m. Why has the budget for the Transport Plan reduced so significantly;

Answer: An allocation of \$500,000 from the Perth City Deal funding has been put toward project management and administration costs. \$4.5 million is to be reallocated.

- b) there at least 12 separate projects included in the CBD Transport Plan component of the Perth City Deal. Can an update on the progress and expected completion date of each of these projects please be provided; and

Answer: The Trinity Shared Path is now complete, while construction is continuing on the Roe Street Enhancement.

Planning and design continues for the remaining projects.

- c) will community consultation be undertaken with respect to each of the CBD Transport Plan projects that are yet to commence prior to design being finalised?

Answer: The transport projects that make up part of the Perth City Deal were selected from the Draft Perth CBD Transport Plan, which was informed by extensive community consultation.

- 5) I refer to the Clean Energy Car Fund – Purchase Rebates on page 601 of Budget Paper No. 2, Vol. 2, and I ask:

- a) where can you refuel a privately owned hydrogen vehicle in WA; and

Answer (a-b): Hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles are currently unavailable for private purchase.

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