

# ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

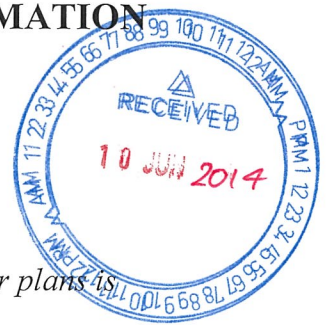
## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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*Question No 1: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – What studies, strategies or plans is the Department currently working on?*

Answer:

As part of its activities, the Public Transport Authority (PTA) undertakes numerous short, medium and long term studies, strategy development and plans. Given the significant resources that would be required to respond to this broad and far reaching question, PTA would be happy to provide information in regard to specific enquiries to the Committee.

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*Question No 2: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – When is it expected that the study, strategy or plan will be completed?*

Answer:

Not applicable.

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*Question No 3: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – What is the current estimated date when the plan will be publicly released?*

Answer:

Not applicable.

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*Question No 4: 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 No 5: 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:

Many of the planning studies will involve external consultancies and contractors given the limited resources within Government.



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*Question No 6: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, “Parking Facilities Program”, at page 832, and ask, what projects are being funded from this program in 2014/15 and each year of the forward estimates?*

Answer:

In 2014-15 the balance of the Carpark Upgrade Program (CUP) which was established to provide additional parking on the Midland, Armadale and Fremantle lines.

The CUP has delivered an additional 349 bays to date with further capacity to be delivered at Bassendean station (211 bays) and Guildford station (350 bays). The provision of the bays at Guildford station will be subject to Heritage conditions.

In 2017-18 the funding is not yet allocated to any particular project.



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*Question No 7: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, "Parking Facilities Program", under Works in Progress at page 832, and ask, what projects are being funded from this program in 2014/15 and each year of the forward estimates?*

**Answer:**

See answer to Question No 6.



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*Question No 8: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, "Rail Infrastructure Program", under Works in Progress at page 832, and ask, what projects are being funded from this program in 2014/15 and each year of the forward estimates?*

Answer:

Rail Infrastructure Program  
Bridge Eyebrow Upgrade/Removal  
Fremantle Swan River Bridge - Pier Protection  
Level Crossing Improvements  
Network and Infrastructure Upgrades  
New PTA Sub Station at City West  
Perway Track and Associated Infrastructure  
Power sub-station and stow roads to support new railcars  
Rerailing Urban System  
Resilience Package  
Summers Street Transformer Replacement





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*Question No 9: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, "Rail Stations Program" at page 832, and ask, what projects are being funded from this program in 2014/15?*

Answer:

Rail Stations Program

Disability Access for Intermediate Minor Stations & Track Works - Stage 2

Escalator and lift Upgrade



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*Question No 10: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, "Railcar Program" under Works in Progress at page 832, and ask –*

- a) How many railcars are being funded from this program in 2014/15 and each year of the forward estimates?*
- b) What other costs are allocated to this program?*

Answer:

a)

The production cycle for railcars is 24 to 30 months with a deposit and progress payment during this cycle. The budget and estimated delivery schedule is as follows:

**Railcar Delivery Schedule**

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
No of railcars	No of railcars	No of railcars	No of railcars
21	21	9	0

- b) \$4.2m for railcar spare parts.



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*Question No 11: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, at page 829, and ask-*

- a) *What is the average cost per passenger per kilometre?*
- b) *How many buses will be purchased in the 2014/15 financial year and each of the forward estimates?*

Answer:

- a) As per the table on page 829, the average cost per passenger kilometre in 2014-15 on Transperth services, is for :

- Transperth Bus services	\$1.03
- Transperth Ferry services	\$1.37
- Transperth Train services	\$0.50

- b)
- 123 buses to be purchased in 2014-15;
  - 98 buses to be purchased in 2015-16;
  - 112 buses to be purchased in 2016-17;
  - 113 buses to be purchased in 2017-18.



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*Question No 12: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, at page 826, and ask-*

- a) What planning studies are being undertaken to further extend the urban rail passenger network?*
- b) Will the Minister table a copy of the route utilisation strategy?*
- c) If no, why not?*
- d) What other initiatives are being undertaken to improve the serviceability of the existing network?*

Answer:

- a) Refer to the answer provided to Question No 1.
- b) The route utilisation study is still under development and deliberation and a final draft report will not be completed before the end of 2014 at the earliest.
- c) See b) above.
- d) Refer to the answer provided to Question No 8.



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*Question No 13: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, at page 826, and ask-*

- a) 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?*
- b) Which schools will require additional services?*
- c) How many additional bus services will they require?*
- d) Will any of the affected high schools require new embayments or other infrastructure to cater for additional bus services?*
- e) How much has been allocated in the State Budget for the additional infrastructure?*

Answer:

- a) 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 PTA used known existing bus patterns and anticipated school enrolments to determine bus needs.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) No.
- e) 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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*Question No 14: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked - I refer to Budget Paper No 2, Volume 2, at page 826, and ask-*

- a) What is the future of the Avonlink train service?*
- b) How much funding is allocated to continue the service?*
- c) How long will this funding last?*
- d) What upgrades to the service are planned?*

Answer:

- a) The PTA and the Wheatbelt Development Commission have submitted a Business Case to the Department of Regional Development for consideration from the Royalties for Regions program. If the Business Case is approved, the AvonLink rail service will be enhanced for three years as a trial.
- b) Funding beyond 30 June 2014 is subject to the considerations outlined in a).
- c) Three years if the trial is approved.
- d) Upgrades introduced will be subject to approval of the Business Case.



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*Question No 15: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – Where will the PTA be locating temporary parking bays for commuters in Claremont in light of the development of the Claremont football clubs new grandstand?*

**Answer:**

The PTA is currently discussing options with Landcorp on this matter.

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*Question No 16: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – What is the estimated annual cost for the multi-storey carpark at Edgewater Train Station?*

Answer:

The estimated operating costs have not yet been finalised and will vary depending on the ultimate design of the structure.





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*Question No 17: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – What is the estimated annual operating cost for the multi-storey carpark at Edgewater Train Station?*

**Answer:**

See the answer provided at Question 16.

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*Question No 18: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – Does this include the annual interest expense for the carpark?*

Answer:

See the answer to question 16.



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*Question No 19: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked – What is the estimated annual revenue for the multi-storey carpark at Edgewater Train Station?*

Answer:

The budgeted additional annual parking revenue from the multi-storey carpark at Edgewater station is \$525,000.

