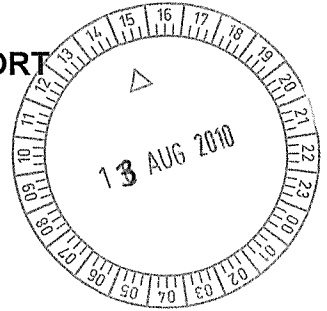


**ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

**FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST 2010**

**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**



*HON KEN TRAVERS MLC asked –*

- 1 *I refer to page 419 and the Fremantle Port Rail Service -*
  - 1.1 *On what basis was the figure of \$2.1m calculated?*
  - 1.2 *What percentage of containers do you expect will be moved by rail this year?*
  - 1.3 *What is the amount of subsidy that will be paid for each container?*
  - 1.4 *Have does this compare to last year?*

Answers:

- 1.1 The \$2.1 million is calculated on the basis of \$45 per 20ft container, and \$90 for a 40ft container.
- 1.2 Estimated to grow to between 10.9 per cent and 11.4 per cent of containers by rail this year.  
This represents a growth range of between five per cent and 10 per cent.
- 1.3 \$45 per 20ft container and \$90 for a 40ft container.
- 1.4 The 20ft and 40ft container subsidy was reduced by 10 per cent in 2009-10 to \$45 per 20ft container and \$90 for a 40ft container. It is expected that the subsidy amount per container will remain at this level for the foreseeable future. However, the subsidy amounts per container are under constant review.

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*Hon Ken Travers asked –*

2 *Page 409, Major Spending Changes, Taxi industry regulation*

2.1 *Why has there been such significant increase in expenditure in this area?*

2.2 *What does it provide for?*

2.3 *Will it come from the Taxi Industry Development Account?*

2.4 *How much is currently held in this account?*

2.5 *How much income is received by this account each year?*

2.6 *Does this increased expenditure from the Taxi Industry fund replace any existing expenditure from the Consolidated Account?*

Answers:

2.1 The increases in expenditure in Taxi Industry regulation is due to:

- Increase in staffing for on-road compliance, complaint and fare evasion investigations.
- Expenditure on initiatives to improve taxi driver and patron safety at taxi ranks.
- New expenditure on the Taxi Industry Board.
- Rank Marshalls at Milligan Street and Fremantle taxi ranks.
- Audit of Taxi Ranks.
- New accommodation costs to enable greater regulation of the industry.

2.2 This increase provides for greater regulation and improvement of the taxi industry as described in 2.1

2.3 Yes.

2.4 \$17.7 million

2.5 For 2010-11 an estimated \$7.6 million will be credited to TIDA from lease plate revenue.

2.6 No.

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*Hon K Travers MLC asked –*

3. *Page 419, Perth Parking Fees*

3.1 *How much revenue does the Government expect to collect from Perth parking fees in 2010/11 and for each year in forward estimates?*

3.2 *How much money was held in the Perth Parking Fund at 30 June 2010?*

3.3 *What expenditure does the Department expect to be spent from this account this financial year and for each year of the forward estimates?*

Answers:

3.1 It is projected that the Government will collect approximately \$28.886 million from Perth Parking fees in 2010-11. Forward revenue estimates until the end of the 2019-20 financial year are provided below. The estimates allow for growth in the Perth Parking levy of two per cent per annum from 2010-11 to 2013-14.

	Financial Year			
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Revenue Estimates (\$m)	\$28.886	\$30.406	\$31.169	\$31.965

3.2 As at 30 June 2010, \$20.996 million was held in the Perth Parking Trust Fund.

3.3 The committed expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year is envisaged to be \$13.629 million. The table below provides estimated forward expenses for each year until the end of 2013-14.

	Financial Year			
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Estimated Committed Expenses (\$m)	\$13.629	\$14.078	\$14.545	\$15.031

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*Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –*

*4. Page 422, Proof of Age Card*

*4.1 Why has the retention of funds for this item increased?*

*4.2 Has the cost of the card increased and if yes by how much?*

Answers:

4.1 The number of Proof of Age card applications is anticipated to increase by 8.2 per cent in 2010-11 based on increased demand over the two previous years.

4.2 The price of the Proof of Age card has not increased.

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*Hon K Travers MLC asked -*

5. *Does the Department of Transport (DoT) does any work on predicting fuel prices in future years and its impact on transport in WA? If yes what is there current predictions on fuel prices?*

Answers:

5. No.

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*Hon K Travers MLC asked -*

*6. Page 410, Dot point 2 –*

*6.1 How much did DOT spend on Travelsmart last year across all programs?  
How much does it intend to spend in 2010-11 and each year of forward  
Estimates?*

Answers:

6.1 2009-10 actual expenditure of \$905,414.

Estimated expenditure for 2010-11 and forward estimates:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
\$756,712	\$756,712	\$756,712	\$756,712

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*Hon Ken Travers MLC asked -*

*7. In regards to the Minister for Transport's electoral commitment; to return the Government owned taxi plates to the private sector; I ask –*

*7.1 What considerations or advice have the Taxi Industry Board (TIB) provided?*

*7.2 Has the TIB completed a 'regulatory review' on an implementation process, and if not, why not?*

*7.3 When can the taxi industry expect a decision on this commitment?*

Answers:

7.1 The Taxi Industry Board (TIB) has considered the electoral commitment to return the Government owned taxi plates to the private sector. The review of options for future plate allocations and ownership has been incorporated into its Strategic Plan as a key initiative and a regulatory review has been initiated in part, to explore the options in this area for the taxi industry.

7.2 The focus of the regulatory review is broader than an 'implementation process' in that it looks at the various existing regulatory approaches and also ways to enhance the capacity of operators to innovate and meet market demand. The TIB has already commenced the regulatory review. An external contractor has been engaged to undertake a preliminary literature review, which is scheduled for completion by September 2010. Following the literature review, the TIB will assess whether further research is required before making recommendations to the Minister.

7.3 The TIB acknowledges that plate ownership is a complex issue, and that any reform in this area requires proper consideration of the possible impacts on service levels and operator viability. The TIB has therefore deemed it appropriate to make its recommendations in regard to plate ownership to the Minister for Transport following its assessment of the outcomes of the regulatory review. The taxi industry will be notified of any decisions on plate ownership in due course.

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MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

*Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked -*

8. *In reference to the Budget Statements, Budget Paper No.2, page 409, Major Spending Changes:*

8.1 *Will the Minister please explain why the figures for the Country Age Pension Fuel Card Scheme on page 409 differ from the figure on page 419 under Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies?*

8.2 *What is budgeted for the Country Age Pension Fuel Card Scheme this year?*

Answers:

8.1 The figure reported on page 409 contains an additional \$200,000 approved by Government at the 2009-10 Government Mid Year review.

The Figure reported on the page 419 is the 2010-11 Budget for the Country Age Pension Fuel Card.

8.2 \$20,050,000.



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*Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked -*

9. *In reference to the Budget Statements, Budget Paper No. 2 Volume 2, page 409, Major Spending Changes:*

9.1 *Will the Minister please explain what expenditure the Transfer of the Coastal Infrastructure Function from Department of Planning Includes?.*

Answers:

9.1 Coastal Infrastructure function was assigned to the Department of Planning. The functions were transferred to Department of Transport post 1 July 2009. The full year cost of the Coastal Infrastructure Functions transferred during the 2009-10 financial year were:

<b>Cost Centres</b>	<b>Functions</b>	<b>2009-10 \$'000</b>
Coastal Infrastructure Executive		724
Spatial Information	-Data Management	456
	-Tides & Waves	549
	-Hydrographic Surveys	599
	-Cartographic	998
New Coastal Assets	-New Coastal Assets Operations	876
	-Coastal Engineering	2,647
	-Maritime Facility Planning	2,795
	-Maritime Infrastructure Development	471
Coastal Facilities Management	-Operations	3,454
	-Regional Facilities Section	2,733
	-Metropolitan Facilities Section	12,337
	-Maintenance Section	318
	-Regional Services Unit	2,622
	-Property Services Section	382
	-Dredging Management	30
<b>TOTAL COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		<b>31,991</b>

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*Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked -*

10. In reference to Budget Statements, Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 2, page 411, Significant Issues Impacting the Agency, dot point 8:

*10.1 How does the Department plan to promote sustainable competition and ensure that services to regional remote communities are maintained?*

Answers:

10.1 Currently there are scheduled air services to 25 regional centres in WA with services to nine centres being open to competition and services to 16 centres being regulated.

Following a review of intrastate aviation, the services to Geraldton will be opened to competition and the protected service to Derby will be maintained. All other previously regulated regular public transport air services will continue to be regulated and have been advertised through a Request for Proposal process.

Airlines have been invited to submit proposals to operate services on seven route combinations that will introduce limited competition to four regional centres. Airlines have also been invited to provide alternative bids where they can demonstrate improved services to communities and achieve better outcomes for Government and industry.

Proposals will be assessed on the ability of the overall arrangement to provide security of service to communities; provision of the service at least cost to Government; and sustainability of the services by the airline industry.

It is anticipated that Deeds would grant rights to protected services for an initial term of five years with a mid-term review and the possibility of an extension for up to a further five years.

In addition, through the Regional Airports Development Scheme, the Department of Transport provides grant funding in collaboration with the Royalties for Regions program to upgrade and develop regional and remote airports.

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*Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked -*

11. In reference to Budget Statements, Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 2, page 419, Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies:

*11.1 Will the Minister please provide details of the Coastal Projects and Zone Management line item?*

*11.2 Will the Minister please explain why funding for the Fremantle Port Rail Service does not appear in forward estimates?*

Answers:

11.1 The Coastal Projects and Zone Management line item represents the grant funding provided to coastal managers to undertake works associated with coastal protection. Grant funding is made available for a percentage of the cost of the investigation, design, or construction associated with coastal protection. Grants are administered by the Department of Transport through the Coastal Protection Program in accordance with the Coastal Protection Policy for WA.

This year 15 projects were awarded grants totalling \$1,036,389:

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Approved grant</b>
1	City of Fremantle	Island St Groyne Maintenance	Construction	\$ 75,000
2	City of Rockingham	Warnbro Beach Coastal Protection Works	Construction	\$ 21,000
3	Esperance Ports	Esperance (Town Beach) Sand Nourishment	Construction	\$ 100,000
4	Shire of Busselton	Busselton Scout Rd Coastal Protection	Investigation & Design	\$ 20,000
5	Shire of Busselton	Dunsborough and Scout Road Sand Nourishment	Construction	\$ 50,000
6	Shire of Busselton	Busselton Jetty Rock Abutment	Construction	\$ 80,000
7	Shire of Busselton	Busselton Town Beach Seawall Maintenance	Construction	\$ 100,000
8	Shire of	Esperance (Norseman Rd)	Construction	\$ 123,500

	Esperance	Sand Nourishment		
9	Shire of Irwin	Grannies & Surf Beach Seawall & Sand Nourishment	Construction	\$ 100,000
10	City of Geraldton-Greenough	Geraldton Northern Beaches Seawall Design	Design	\$ 50,000
11	City of Joondalup	Sorrento-Marmion Coastal Protection Study	Investigation	\$ 15,000
12	DEC Swan	Penguin Island Erosion Investigation	Investigation	\$ 50,000
13	Department of Planning	Midwest/ Gascoyne Sediment Cell Analysis	Investigation	\$ 91,889
14	Town of Cottesloe	Cottesloe Geotechnical Investigation	Investigation	\$ 40,000
15	University of Curtin	Batavia Coast Sediment Transport Study	Investigation	\$ 120,000

11.2 The Government is currently considering ongoing subsidy arrangements for the Fremantle Port Rail Services beyond 2010-11.