

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates May 2014
Infrastructure and Regional Development

Question no.: 97

Program: Programme 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment
Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment
Topic: Victorian Government – Transport Projects
Proof Hansard Pages: 31-32 (26 May 2014)

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Senator RHIANNON: ... The question was: has the Victorian government put forward any other transport projects?

Mr Mrdak: That are not reflected in the budget?

Senator RHIANNON: Yes.

Mr Mrdak: Clearly, like all jurisdictions, they have a list of projects they would like to receive Commonwealth funding for, some of which—

Senator RHIANNON: Can you release those, please?

Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. They are clearly a long list of projects that each jurisdiction would like to see Commonwealth funding for.

Senator RHIANNON: If you could take that on notice?

Mr Mrdak: Certainly.

Answer:

Since 2013 Federal Election, the Victorian Government has sought funding towards:

- Widening of the Tullamarine Freeway
- Priority level crossings package
- Targeted bridge restoration package
- An Outer Suburban Arterial Road Upgrades Package
- Regional arterial road upgrades package
- Country roads and bridges package
- Echuca-Moama Bridge
- Regional Rail Freight Standardisation

The Victorian Government has also submitted applications for funding under the Bridges Renewal Programme and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme.

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Program: Programme 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: M80 Ring Road Project

Proof Hansard Pages: 41-43 (26 May 2014)

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: I want to talk about the M80 Ring Road project. Are there any changes to the funding profile for the M80 project in Melbourne in the 2014 budget as against the 2013 budget? If so, can you outline the change? Mr Mrdak might want to take this, or probably Mr Jagers is able to read me a list of zeros.

Mr Mrdak: The government has set a new profile, following discussions with the state of Victoria, in relation to the M80 project, yes.

Senator CONROY: So what is the new profile? 2013-14, please: what was it?

Mr Mrdak: We can give you the current profile. I am not sure that we can—

Senator CONROY: I can get you a whiteboard.

Mr Jagers: The current profile for the M80 project, in 2015-16, is \$129.08 million.

Senator CONROY: Just for clarification: that means that in 2013-14 it is zero?

Mr Jagers: That is correct.

Senator CONROY: And in 2014-15 it is zero?

Mr Jagers: Yes.

Senator CONROY: And, just for completeness, what was it in last year's budget?

Mr Jagers: I do not have a breakdown of where it was last year, year by year. I do have an overall breakdown—

Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice for you.

...

Senator CONROY: If Mr Jagers is able to give us a breakdown of the profile previously?

Mr Mrdak: We will seek to do that.

Answer:

As per Proof Hansard page 125 of 26 May 2014 for Budget Estimates, the answer to this question was provided by Mr Andrew Jagers to Senator Conroy.

The M80 profile at the pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook was:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
78.7	136.9	227.1	82.4	525.1

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Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Black Spots Projects Previously Funded

Proof Hansard Page: 46 (26 May 2014)

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: Was the \$565 million for black spots projects previously funded?

Mr Mrdak: There is an additional payment of \$200 million for black spots over two years, which has been announced as part of the budget. That forms part of the \$565 million but is additional to what was previously provided for—

Senator CONROY: So there was \$565 million previously?

Mr Mrdak: No, the \$565 million includes the additional \$200 million provided—

Senator CONROY: Includes the additional \$200 million?

Mr Mrdak: Since MYEFO.

Senator CONROY: And is that different from the \$300 million for the bridges program, which was previously funded?

Ms O'Connell: Yes, it is; it is different to that. Spots and bridges are different.

Senator CONROY: So you would say that the previous black spots program had only \$365 million in it?

Mr Jagers: I think it was \$300 million. We will just check the details on that for you.

Answer:

At MYEFO, funding for the Black Spot Programme for the period 2013-14 to 2018-19 was \$365 million.

Programme funding for this period is now \$565 million following the additional \$200 million announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

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Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Roe Highway Extension

Proof Hansard Pages: 48-49 (26 May 2014)

Senator Lines, Sue asked:

Senator LINES: ... There was a media release by the assistant minister on 19 May regarding the proposed extension of Roe Highway which indicated that the WA Minister for Transport and the assistant minister were to meet to begin planning and prioritising the project. But then the WA Treasurer, Dr Nahan, said in their estimates on 21 May, 'We have not agreed to go ahead with the project,' and the WA Premier, Colin Barnett, said on 22 May that there is no money in the state budget for the project this year. Can you advise of the status of your discussions with the state government?

Mr Mrdak: Certainly, ministers have met at senior levels and discussed the project.

Senator LINES: After 19 May, when they said they were going to meet?

Mr Mrdak: In the lead-up to the budget on 13 May—

Senator LINES: They met?

Mr Mrdak: This was the subject of discussions. Subsequent to the budget, Minister Briggs has met, as have other senior ministers, with Western Australian ministers. We are working on the basis that this project is agreed and it will be a matter for the Western Australia government as to when it takes decisions on its contribution. As far as the Australian government is concerned, this project is agreed to go forward.

Senator LINES: So, the assistant minister met with the WA people after the budget.

ACTING CHAIR: Who did they meet? Can you tell us who he met with in WA?

Mr Mrdak: My understanding is that the assistant minister has had discussions with both the Western Australian Treasurer and the Western Australian Minister for Transport.

Senator LINES: So despite Dr Nahan saying there is no money and they have not agreed?

Mr Mrdak: The discussions as far we are aware have been on the basis that this project will proceed.

Senator LUDLAM: Mr Jagers, where are you reading those figures from? What was the source of those forward estimates?

Mr Jagers: I am reading them from my notes.

Mr Mrdak: They are the budget figures in the budget papers.

Senator LINES: Can you give me the dates that this meeting with Dr Nahan and the assistant minister went ahead?

Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice and get you those states.

Senator LINES: It is strange that on 21 and 22 May the Treasurer and the WA Premier seemed to indicate there was no money and the project would not go ahead.

Mr Mrdak: There are aspects of the project which remain to be settled in terms of the design and the like, but as I said the Australian government is proceeding on the basis that the project will proceed.

Answer:

The Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance, met with the Hon Dr Mike Nahan MLA, WA Treasurer and the Hon Dean Nalder MLA, WA Minister for Transport on 8 April 2014.

The Assistant Minister also had discussions with Minister Nalder by telephone on 5 May 2014. The Assistant Minister and Minister Nalder met on 19 May 2014.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Roe 8 Project

Proof Hansard Page: 51 (26 May 2014)

Senator Lines, Sue asked:

Senator LINES: Sorry if I confused you. What I am asking you now is: you told us you had done some design and costing work on Roe Highway to Stock Road and you had done High Street, and I think you mentioned Leach Highway. Of those sections which have been assessed, what percentage are they of the total project?

Mr Jagers: The largest component of the project is what is called the Roe 8 project, which is the connection between Kwinana Freeway and Stock Road. There are also grade separations and widening on Stock Road, which are obviously a smaller component of it, and High Street. I do not actually have a percentage breakdown for you. I could maybe take that on notice.

Senator LINES: Could you get it today?

Mr Jagers: I am sure I can.

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 125 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Question no.: 102

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Perth Freight Link Project

Proof Hansard Pages: 53-54 (26 May 2014)

Senator Lines, Sue asked:

Senator LINES: Infrastructure Australia have done some costings for parts of the project, and you went through those: Leach Highway, High Road, et cetera?

Mr Fitzgerald: Yes. That is only a small component of the project that is now being proposed.

Senator LINES: Do you know what percentage of the project that you have done a business case cost ratio for is? You said 'tiny', does that mean 10 per cent?

Mr Fitzgerald: This is reported as a \$100 million project, so it is \$100 million as a percentage of the total project cost.

Senator LINES: So, to use your words, it is tiny.

Mr Jagers: I think I will take that one on notice. The original proposal on High Street has had some modification since IA has been assessed. There have been some improvements by the WA officials in the current design work. I will give you a breakdown of the proportion of that.

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 125 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Perth Freight Link Project

Proof Hansard Pages: 54-55 (26 May 2014)

Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:

Senator LUDLAM: I am staying with Western Australia and staying with this project. I think Senator Lines has cleared up why there are different amounts of money quoted in different places. I am still trying to separate out for myself how much of the funding is for the Perth Freight Link. It was the first time that I had seen works all the way from Perth Airport, on the other side of Kenwick, all the way through to Fremantle conceived of as a single project. Works, as you are obviously aware, are well underway around the airport—around that so-called Gateway project. Do any of the funding appropriations that we have discussed so far relate to this existing works or have you netted that out of the \$925 million indicative?

Mr Jagers: The \$925 million does not include works like Gateway or the works on the Tonkin Grade Separations.

Senator LUDLAM: Good. For the purposes of this conversation, then, we can set that aside. That is committed; that is already underway. ...

Senator LUDLAM: ... Let us talk about the \$925 million, is it possible to separate out how much of that is a Commonwealth commitment specifically to that stretch of freeway through the Beelihar Wetlands between Kwinana Freeway and Stock Road? We will leave aside the rest of the High Street stuff for a second.

Mr Jagers: We will be able to provide the breakdown. I think I have taken that on notice.

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 125 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Question no.: 104

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Perth Freight Link Project

Proof Hansard Page: 56 (26 May 2014)

Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:

Senator LUDLAM: Is it your understanding that the segment of freeway that runs through the Beelihar Wetlands is proposed to be elevated? Or will it run across the terrain?

Mr Mrdak: I will just check with my officers as to how much detail we have.

Mr Jagers: We do not have an answer to that question at this point in time.

Senator LUDLAM: That is mad. If it is elevated it will be vastly more expensive. How do you come up with cost estimates if you do not know whether it is on the ground or up in the air? There is no way you can come up with any kind of project cost unless you know that basic detail.

...

Senator LUDLAM: ...But let's just talk about the project itself. If you put it on pylons it costs you more than twice as much. So is it up in the air or is it on the ground?

Mr Mrdak: I think there are indicative proposals in terms of how the design would operate, and that has formed the basis of the advice from Western Australia about the costing.

Senator LUDLAM: Do those indicative proposals put this as an elevated freeway, or is it on the ground surface?

Mr Jagers: We would have to come back to you with the details on the costing.

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 125 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Perth Freight Link Project

Proof Hansard Page: 59 (26 May 2014)

Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:

Senator LUDLAM: Did the CBA that you saw measure the benefits—or the costs, I guess, to be fair—of the ecological services that are provided by a wetland, just through the five-kilometre corridor, again just sticking with Roe 8. Did it monetise the benefits to the native vegetation as a carbon sink or as a groundwater recharge area on surrounding land values, as a place of recreation that would be obliterated by this thing, or the lost heritage values to local Aboriginal mobs? Was that factored in?

Mr Jagers: I am not aware, I do not know.

Senator LUDLAM: Any of those things?

Mr Jagers: I do not know.

Senator LUDLAM: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Mrdak: We will check that and come back to you.

Answer:

As is usual for benefit cost analyses, project costs consist of the capital cost and ongoing operating costs of a project. The capital cost includes the cost of meeting environmental requirements and measures aimed at minimising the environmental impact of a project. Project benefits consist of the benefits to road users, such as reduced vehicle operating costs, reduced crash rates and travel time benefits.

The analysis did not seek to quantify broader benefits and costs.

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Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Perth Freight Link Project

Proof Hansard Page: 59 (26 May 2014)

Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:

Senator LUDLAM: ... So let us get to the question of the toll. My understanding is that some traffic modelling has been done for the project, basic traffic modelling to justify its existence at all. Is that correct?

Mr Jagers: Certainly, West Australia has done traffic modelling and we have done some traffic modelling ourselves.

Senator LUDLAM: Do you do that independently?

Mr Jagers: Yes we do.

Senator LUDLAM: That is useful to know. Can you release what the Commonwealth has done or is that national security secret as well?

Mr Jagers: It is still a work in progress.

Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice. We have done some indicative analysis, as Mr Jagger has indicated. We will take on notice whether that can be made available to the committee.

Answer:

The Australian Government is undertaking initial traffic modelling. The traffic modelling work undertaken to date is not complete, it is also considered commercially sensitive.

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Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Urban Rail Projects

Proof Hansard Page: 65 (26 May 2014)

Senator Back, Chris asked:

Senator BACK: I know there are plenty of others now in the room wanting to ask questions so I will just finalise with urban rail projects. Where will those urban rail funds be spent in this year and the out years?

...

Mr Wood: With the four continuing urban rail projects, there is the Perth Light rail Planning Study, which completes this year; Moreton Bay rail link in Queensland; Gold Coast light rail also due to complete this year; and a regional light rail link in Victoria.

Senator BACK: That funding is out for how long?

Mr Wood: With the regional rail link the funding completes in early 2016. It is a total amount of \$2.9 billion. The Gold Coast light rail completes this year. The funding was actually expended a couple of years ago; it was paid at the beginning of that program. For Moreton Bay the funding extends until December 2016, and the Perth light rail, as I mentioned, funding completes this year and that funding has already been fully expended.

Senator BACK: Do you have the total figure of all of those combined, without having to add it up; otherwise take it on notice, if you would?

Mr Jagers: I am not sure that we have the urban rail. We certainly have a total rail number.

Answer:

The Australian Government is investing \$1.979 billion on urban passenger rail projects from 2013-14 to 2018-19, as outlined in the table below.

Urban Rail Projects	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	Budget 2016-17	TOTAL 2013-14 to 2018-19
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Regional Rail Link (Vic)	1,128.0	331.0			1,459.0
Moreton Bay Rail Link (Qld)	68.4	108.0	200.0	142.0	518.4
Perth Light Rail Planning Study	1.8				1.8
Total	1,198.2	439.0	200.0	142.0	1,979.2

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Question no.: 108

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: NSW Infrastructure Funding

Proof Hansard Page: 67 (26 May 2014)

Senator Cameron, Doug asked:

Senator CAMERON: There is still a lot of controversy over whether putting that road infrastructure in is more important than getting rail links to that airport. Are you aware of that discussion as well?

Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I think it is not just supporting the western Sydney airport proposal. It is also quite a significant upgrade to support the southwest growth centre in that part of Sydney. Those road projects have also been selected as a way to ensure that that southwest growth centre, which is the next major land release in that part of Sydney, will also be supported by infrastructure before it takes place. I will get Mr Jagger to give you the final figure, but our calculation is that by state New South Wales has increased funding of about \$5.9 billion over the—

Senator CAMERON: In new projects?

Mr Mrdak: In new projects.

Senator CAMERON: Does that include the \$2 billion loan and the \$1.5 billion to WestConnex?

Mr Mrdak: It includes the budget treatment of the loan.

Senator CAMERON: The budget treatment?

Mr Mrdak: Of the loan.

Senator CAMERON: What do you mean the 'budget treatment'?

Mr Mrdak: The way in which the loan is treated you basically have to account for the cost of that borrowing to the government, recognising that at some point in the future the intention is that loan will be repaid. Based on that treatment, the accounting treatment of that loan, we anticipate—and I will just check the figure—around \$5.9 billion is the additional Commonwealth spend in New South Wales.

Senator CAMERON: You can come back to me on that; I do not have a lot of time.

Answer:

The increased Australian Government funding of \$5.9 billion, between 2013-14 and 2018-19 does not include the proposed concessional loan for WestConnex.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Pages: 68-69 (26 May 2014)

Senator Cameron, Doug asked:

Senator CAMERON: ... When will the Haberfield to St Peters planning period stop and construction commence according to the business plan?

Mr Foulds: Stage 3 is expected to commence around 2018 and be delivered by 2023.

Senator CAMERON: Can you table that business plan and cost-benefit analysis?

Mr Foulds: That is in the business case executive summary, which was publicly released by the Australian and New South Wales governments in September last year.

Senator CAMERON: I am talking about the business plan in making the decisions to build this thing.

Mr Mrdak: We will take on notice what we can provide to the committee.

Answer:

WestConnex business case documentation was provided to the NSW Legislative Council on 23 March 2014. The documentation provided includes 22 publicly available boxes and 16 privileged boxes. The WestConnex business case executive summary was made publicly available in September 2013 and can be accessed via the WestConnex website at: <http://www.westconnex.com.au/documents/westconnex-executive-summary-september-2013.pdf>.

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Question no.: 110

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

Proof Hansard Page: 70 (26 May 2014)

Senator O'Sullivan, Barry asked:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: It is my understanding that the registration of interest process for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing closed on Friday, 7 March of this year. Can you advise how many submissions were received?

Mr Mrdak: I will just check whether we have that information with us.

...

Mr Mrdak: I will answer the first question in terms of the registration of interest.

Mr Jagers: The registration of interest process was run by the Queensland government and not the Australian government. They received about 60. I would have to check the exact detail.

Answer:

There were 63 responses received by the Queensland Government in the Registration of Interest process for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Midland Highway

Proof Hansard Pages: 72-73 (26 May 2014)

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Can you indicate the Commonwealth's funding profile for Midland Highway by project and how many projects are funded from the \$400 million?

Mr Jagers: We might be able to give you an indicative profile across the whole of the project, but we do not have a breakdown project by project yet, as Tasmania is still finalising its proposal to provide for the Commonwealth. I will just see if I can give you a breakdown. I think in 2013-14 it was \$5 million; \$25 million in 2014-15; \$50 million in 2015-16; \$50 million in 2016-17; \$30 million in 2017-18; \$40 million in 2018-19; and there will be additional funding to meet the \$400 million commitment over the 10-year program.

Senator URQUHART: Sorry, how much was in 2014-15?

Mr Jagers: In 2014-15 it was \$25 million.

Senator URQUHART: So, the previous government announced a figure of \$500 million for the Midland Highway. Can you confirm where the extra \$100 million was in the budget and across the forward estimates?

Mr Jagers: That is correct. There was a different amount in the budget at PEFO. I cannot tell you where that money is.

Senator URQUHART: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Jagers: Certainly.

Answer:

See table.

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Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Midland Highway

Proof Hansard Page: 73 (26 May 2014)

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: What is the commitment from the Tasmanian government regarding the Midland Highway project?

Mr Jagers: I have not got a firm number from Tasmania.

Senator URQUHART: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Jagers: Yes, I will.

Answer:

As of 26 May 2014, the Tasmanian Government has provided in-principle support for the Programme of Works for Tasmania.

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Question no.: 113

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Hobart Light Rail Project

Proof Hansard Pages: 74-75 (26 May 2014)

Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Last year I asked a couple of times whether the Tasmanian government had put forward any formal proposals for a Hobart light rail project, and I think the words were that it was in the mix. This is going back mid last year. Could you give us a status update at all on that, if any, if ever it was considered as an infrastructure project?

...

Mr Wood: There was correspondence between the previous minister with the Tasmanian government, but there was never a formal proposal. It was in the nature of a letter. A detailed proposal was not provided to the Australian government. I understand there has been work done in Tasmania on that project, but it has not been provided formally to us.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: So the process is that they work it up to a certain stage then put it to you? Is that what a scoping study would be? Would that be done at a state level or would you take on—

Mr Wood: That is really open to the Tasmanian government. If they wish to bring that proposal to the Australian government or to Infrastructure Australia they would bring it forward in that way.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: So, it did not go beyond that stage then?

Mr Wood: No. The Tasmanian government sought a small amount of funding for a scoping study, but that was not—

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can you refresh my memory on how much that was?

Mr Wood: I think it was in the order of \$200,000.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Roughly when?

Mr Wood: It was \$190,000, sorry.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Close enough. When was that? When did they actually request that?

Mr Wood: I do not have the dates with me. I will just check that.

Answer:

The Tasmanian Government sought \$200,000 to support the project definition phase of the Hobart Light Rail Project in a letter to the former Minister for Infrastructure dated 28 June 2013.

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Question no.: 114

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Planning Works for Major Projects in South Australia

Proof Hansard Page: 78 (26 May 2014)

Senator Edwards , Sean asked:

Senator EDWARDS: Can you provide on notice a list of all the planning works that the Australian government has contributed funding towards since 2007 for those major projects in South Australia?

Mr Jagers: Certainly.

Answer:

The table below sets out Australian Government funding for South Road planning projects in South Australia since 2007.

Project	Allocated	Expended to 30 June 2014	From	To
	\$m	\$m		
South Road Upgrade (Port River Expressway to Regency Road) Planning	6.4	6.4	2008-09	2010-11
South Road Upgrade (Darlington) Planning	7.0	6.9	2009-10	2012-13
South Road - North-South Corridor Development Plan	4.4	4.4	2009-10	2010-11
South Road Planning Study - Regency Road to Anzac Highway	12.8	12.7	2010-11	2013-14
South Road Planning Study – Anzac Highway to Southern Expressway, including Darlington	8.5	2.2	2013-14	2014-15

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Question no.: 115

Program: 1.1 Infrastructure Investment

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Annual Profiles – Projects in New South Wales

Proof Hansard Page: 81 (26 May 2014)

Senator Cameron, Doug asked:

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me, across the forward estimates, the annual profiling for Tintenbar to Ewingsdale, Ballina to Woolgoolga, Sapphire to Woolgoolga, Frederickton to Eungai, Oxley Highway to Kempsey, Nambucca to Urunga, Warrell Creek to Nambucca Heads and Kundabung and Kempsey? Can that be provided?

Mr Jagers: Would you like us to take that on notice?

Senator CAMERON: Yes.

Answer:

The answer to this question can be found on pages 81 to 82 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Question no.: 116

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Page: 82 (26 May 2014)

Senator Cameron, Doug asked:

Senator CAMERON: I will just come back to WestConnex. I had a quick look at your answer to question on notice number 114. This was last week that you gave this answer. It says that Infrastructure Australia has not received a detailed cost-benefit analysis on the WestConnex project. Has that changed from last week?

...

Senator CAMERON: It said that the New South Wales government states that WestConnex is a preliminary strategic BCR of greater than 1.5. Didn't someone tell me 2.5 when I previously questioned? How come it has jumped from 1.5 to 2.5 without you doing a strategic analysis of the business case or the cost-benefit analysis?

Mr Mrdak: I will just check if we are comparing like with like. I think we were talking there about the whole WestConnex project, the whole corridor, with wider economic benefits vis-à-vis WestConnex stage 1. I will just check with my officers whether that is the case. We might be talking about two different projects.

Mr Jagers: That may be right. We did quote a benefit-cost ratio of 2.55, which is discount of about seven per cent but includes wider economic benefits. That is a piece of work completed by New South Wales.

Answer:

Infrastructure Australia advised in the response to question on notice 114, that the October 2012 NSW submission on the WestConnex project stated "WestConnex has a preliminary strategic BCR of greater than 1.5".

The final WestConnex Business Case, completed September 2013, states that the BCR for the project is 2.55 including wider economic impacts (7% discount rate).

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Question no.: 117

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Moorebank Intermodal Company

Proof Hansard Page: 87 (26 May 2014)

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: Do you have a list of who is on the board?

Mr Mrdak: Yes, we do.

Senator DASTYARI: That is publicly available?

Ms O'Connell: That is publicly available.

Mr Mrdak: We can provide that for you.

Answer:

The Board of the Moorebank Intermodal Company is a well-respected group of individuals entirely appointed by the former Labor Government, details of which are publicly available at the Company's website: www.micl.com.au/about-us/our-people.aspx

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Question no.: 118

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Moorebank Intermodal Hub

Proof Hansard Pages: 91-92 (26 May 2014)

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: ... It looks as if Qube has said that they are going to raise their own capital for the project to remove the need for government funding, according to the Australian Financial Review article. Is that correct?

Mr Mrdak: I am not familiar with the Qube proposal in terms of what has been put to the company.

Senator DASTYARI: Can you take on notice whether the capital contribution was taken into account when the bid was considered and whether other proponents were able to offer their own capital fundraising?

Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

Any comment about capital contributions, beyond what each of the parties may have publicly stated, would be inappropriate while commercial negotiations are underway. The negotiations are subject to strict probity guidelines.

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Question no.: 119

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Moorebank Intermodal – Meetings with Qube

Proof Hansard Page: 92 (26 May 2014)

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: So, you are saying that while obviously people from your department have met with Qube—and I understand they are a big company and there would be reasons to meet with them—are you aware of any other meetings with Qube and Mr Corrigan and the minister?

Mr Mrdak: I am not aware of any such meetings or discussions.

Senator DASTYARI: Is anyone aware of any meetings?

CHAIR: Minister, can you take that on notice?

Senator Colbeck: Yes.

Answer:

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, The Hon Warren Truss MP, met with members of the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (a consortium of Qube and Aurizon) on 8 October 2013. Mr Chris Corrigan was not present at the meeting.

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Question no.: 120

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Moorebank Intermodal Company – Signing of Proposal

Proof Hansard Pages: 92-93 (26 May 2014)

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: This is a process and this is a proposal that you have been aware of for a long period of time. You are saying that, regardless of all of that, a decision has been made to give—and these are my words, not your words—a very significant donor to Liberal Party an exclusive period of negotiations for the next six months for a period that will end by the end of this year to build what is a several billion dollars net worth project and that they may get not only the building rights, they may get the managing rights and they own the lot of land beside it that allows them to integrate the whole thing into what is nothing other than an incredibly profitable venture.

Mr Mrdak: I can only outline the facts that I put to you and simply to say that the shareholder ministers were provided with advice from Moorebank Intermodal Company, that is both the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Minister for Finance, and the government has agreed with the company's proposal to proceed in this way.

...

Senator DASTYARI: So, when you said the government agreed, the advice came from Moorebank Intermodal Company and then that obviously got ticked off by the shareholding ministers—

Mr Mrdak: It has gone to the shareholding ministers.

Senator DASTYARI: The shareholding ministers and Minister Cormann and Minister Truss—

Mr Mrdak: That is correct.

Senator DASTYARI: So, has it been ticked off by the shareholding ministers yet?

Mr Mrdak: The shareholding ministers have agreed to the strategy put forward by the company. The shareholder ministers raised a number of issues with the company's proposal, and there was a number of discussions and exchange of correspondence that took place with the company before the ministers were comfortable to sign off on the proposal.

Senator DASTYARI: Do you know when the minister signed off on this proposal?

Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator DASTYARI: But in the past week or two weeks?

Mr Mrdak: It would have been in the last three or four weeks in the lead-up to the company's announcement.

Answer:

The Moorebank intermodal facility tender process is being managed entirely by the independent Board of the Moorebank Intermodal Company. The Board is a well-respected group of individuals entirely appointed by the former Labor Government.

The decision to enter into a period of direct negotiations was solely a matter for Moorebank Intermodal Company, who were advised by probity auditors Walter and Partners.

When Shareholder Ministers were consulted on Moorebank Intermodal Company's proposal, they sought and obtained assurances about the integrity of the process. Moorebank Intermodal Company advised of their decision to negotiate with one respondent as the "respondent's submission was significantly stronger than the others and willing to provide significant capital and take risk on freight volumes".

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This is entirely consistent with Moorebank Intermodal Company's media release of 22 May 2014, stating: "The response from Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA, consisting of Qube and Aurizon) was so strong in comparison to the other respondents that it warrants a period of direct negotiation".

Moorebank Intermodal Company has further advised Shareholder Ministers that it would have been unreasonable to expose other bidders to more expense while they were not sufficiently competitive. The preferred bidder has not been allocated the contract – but rather a six-month exclusive negotiating opportunity.

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Question no.: 121

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Moorebank Intermodal Hub

Proof Hansard Page: 95 (26 May 2014)

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: Are you aware of when Mr Corrigan and others purchased the land—sorry, not Mr Corrigan, Qube—adjacent to the intermodal site?

Mr Mrdak: I would have to check. I think it was in—

Ms O'Connell: Around the 2000s.

Mr Mrdak: Around middle of the last decade. I think around that time; it was part of a Defence asset disposal process.

Senator DASTYARI: Yes, and at that time had the idea of building a port terminal intermodal been publically floated?

Mr Mrdak: I would have to check. The first announcement of consideration of the Moorebank site was around 2003-04 as the potential for that site to be developed as an intermodal facility. I would have to check whether the Qube purchase of the Defence site took place after—

Answer:

The Department of Defence sold the 83-hectare Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre site to Westpac Funds Management Pty Ltd in 2003 and then leased the land back from the Moorebank Industrial Property Trust established by Westpac. A number of entities have held an interest in the Moorebank Industrial Property Trust including Stockland Trust Management Limited, Qube Logistics Holdings Limited (Qube) and QR National (now Aurizon Holdings Limited). Qube subsequently acquired Stockland's interest in the trust in 2012 increasing Qube's holding to 85 per cent with the remaining interest owned by Aurizon.

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Question no.: 122

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Moorebank Intermodal Hub

Proof Hansard Page: 96 (26 May 2014)

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: I think the answer to that was yes, but you are saying that the government—so once the Moorebank Intermodal made the request to government for permission—they are my words, I am sure there is more technical DP and C language—asked the government or the shareholding ministers for permission to go into exclusive negotiations, there was a series of questions and concerns that the government had and there was a process of to and fro of letters. Is that correct?

Mr Mrdak: That is correct.

Senator DASTYARI: I assume you are going to tell me that those letters and that correspondence is commercial in confidence?

Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice as to the status of those letters. Given they are letters from the ministers to the company I will take on notice whether the minister wishes to release those.

Answer:

Please refer to the answer to SEQoN 120.

It would not be appropriate to release the commercially sensitive correspondence between the Moorebank Intermodal Company and Shareholder Ministers, as the Company has commenced negotiations with the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA), a consortium of Qube and Aurizon. Release of the correspondence may adversely impact both the Company's and the Commonwealth's objectives for the project. The negotiations are subject to strict probity guidelines.

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Question no.: 123

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Page: 96 (26 May 2014)

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Senator RHIANNON: Back to WestConnex. On what date did you receive the business case from the New South Wales government?

Mr Mrdak: I will see if my officers have that information with us, otherwise I will take it on notice.

Mr Jagers: We will have to take it on notice.

Answer:

The Department received the business case from the NSW Government on 11 September 2013.

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Question no.: 124

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Page: 98 (26 May 2014)

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Senator RHIANNON: ... Even if you have got to take it on notice, Mr Mrdak, have you recommended that there should be actual changes to the physical location of the on/off ramps? Can you release the traffic modelling? Can you take that on notice?

Mr Mrdak: I am happy to take that on notice, particularly in relation to traffic modelling. I do not know if I would call our questioning the recommendations but we have certainly asked the questions of the people developing the concepts over a period of time.

Answer:

Departmental officials attend meetings and discussions on WestConnex, including the WestConnex Program Control Group meetings. Departmental officials have not made any formal recommendation with regard to the physical location of the on/off ramps.

WestConnex business case documentation including discussion of the traffic model was provided to the NSW Legislative Council on 23 March 2014. The documentation provided includes 22 publicly available boxes and 16 privileged boxes. The WestConnex business case executive summary was made publicly available in September 2013 and can be accessed via the WestConnex website at:
<http://www.westconnex.com.au/documents/westconnex-executive-summary-september-2013.pdf>

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Question no.: 125

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Pages: 98-99 (26 May 2014)

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Senator RHIANNON: ... If you are talking about the access to the CBD that is actually a considerable change to the project, so when you say access to the CBD, what do you mean?

Mr Mrdak: We are wanting to ensure that the exit points from the WestConnex to the CBD do not create traffic problems or exacerbate traffic problems and what we are looking to do is to find a more seamless way to ensure the connections from the west to the CBD.

Senator RHIANNON: So, what suggestions have you made to the New South Wales government about that very point?

Mr Mrdak: Well, we have been looking at issues quite early on about where they have got their exit points, where the tunnel will effectively emerge, how it will then move traffic off that WestConnex M4 extension into the connecting roads in and out of the CBD.

Senator RHIANNON: Can you provide the committee with the details of the changes that you have suggested?

Mr Mrdak: They have been done through discussions, I do not think there is any I can provide, as such. I will certainly take on notice what else we can provide you.

Answer:

Departmental officials attend meetings and discussions on WestConnex, including the WestConnex Program Control Group meetings. Departmental officials have not made any formal recommendation with regard to the physical location of the on/off ramps.

Departmental officials engage with NSW officials to understand and inform discussions on final route selection, portal locations and ramp locations.

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Question no.: 126

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Infrastructure Investment – Mackay Intersection Upgrade

Proof Hansard Page: 101 (26 May 2014)

Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Senator McLUCAS: Number 10 please.

Mr Jagers: ... The Mackay Intersection Upgrade, stage 2, is a \$7.2 million commitment.

Senator McLUCAS: Where is that Mackay intersection?

Mr Jagers: Let me see if I have something on the Mackay Intersection Upgrade, stage 2. I might need to take that on notice. I do not have all the details on that intersection.

Senator McLUCAS: How is that different from the ring road?

Mr Jagers: I will see if I can find some details on that.

Answer:

The Mackay Intersection Upgrade - Stage 2 involves an upgrade of the Lagoon Street/Nebo Street intersection in southern Mackay to provide additional turning and through lanes to improve capacity and safety. The Mackay Ring Road will provide a bypass to the west of Mackay from Stockroute Road to the current Bruce Highway and Bald Hill Road intersection.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Infrastructure Investment – Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade

Proof Hansard Page: 103 (26 May 2014)

Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Senator McLUCAS: No. 23?

Mr Jagers: The Cairns Southern Access Corridor, stage 3, is \$108 million. The Rockhampton Northern Access upgrade, stage 1, is \$96.8 million.

Senator McLUCAS: How much was that?

Mr Jagers: Rockhampton Northern Access upgrade, the first stage of that is \$96.8 million. The Tiaro flood immunity upgrade, \$85.6 million; the Salt Water Creek upgrade, \$82.4 million; pavement widening at various locations on the Bruce Highway, that is \$40 million. The Rockhampton Bypass plan and corridor preservation is \$52 million. Pavement widening in Caboolture to St Lawrence is \$78.4 million; and Townsville Northern Access Intersections upgrade is \$57.6 million.

Senator McLUCAS: Is that the ring road joining onto the Bruce?

Mr Jagers: I might just need to take that on notice to give you the details of that project.

Senator McLUCAS: If you could also provide for me whether that is a variation from the program as previously agreed, because if it is that joining up that last little bit from the ring road to the Bruce, my understanding was that was going to be done a lot sooner than that.

Mr Jagers: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Townsville Northern Access Intersections upgrade involves signalisation of the Bruce Highway and Black River Road intersection, plus construction of service road connections to Bowden Road and Church Road. These works are north of where Section 4 of the Townsville Ring Road will meet the existing Bruce Highway.

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Question no.: 128

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Infrastructure Investment New Projects – Black Spots

Proof Hansard Page: 106 (26 May 2014)

Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Senator McLUCAS: Black spots is number 10. What is the total there?

Mr Jagers: It is \$241.8 million. There are overtaking lanes.

Senator McLUCAS: Could I have the profile of that black spot money?

Mr Jagers: I will have to provide that to you because I have that broken down in a number of different places but I do not have a full aggregate profile for that.

Answer:

Black Spots	Payments to 30 June 2013 \$m	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	Total \$m
Caboolture to Curra	17.2	9.8	3.0	0.0	30.0
Curra to Sarina	67.0	9.5	41.1	0.0	117.6
Sarina to Cairns	45.9	13.7	33.0	1.6	94.2
Total	130.1	33.0	77.1	1.6	241.8

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Infrastructure Investment

Proof Hansard Pages: 106-107 (26 May 2014)

Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Senator McLUCAS: Overtaking lanes?

Mr Jagers: That is \$175 million; rest areas is \$25 million and strengthening and widening of \$96.6 million in the current program. They are ongoing.

Senator McLUCAS: How much was strengthening and widening?

Mr Jagers: It is \$96.6 million.

Senator McLUCAS: Are you telling me that you have not got the profiles with those four?

Mr Jagers: They are split into sections of each two sections on the Bruce, so it would be a bit difficult for me to provide those right now.

Senator McLUCAS: But you can do that?

Mr Jagers: We can do that.

Senator McLUCAS: You can amalgamate them up?

Mr Jagers: I can add them up and provide them to you.

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you.

Answer:

The cash profiles for the Bruce Highway - Strengthening and Widening, Overtaking Lane, and Rest Area programmes are as follows:

	Pre-2013-14 (\$m)	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	TOTAL (\$m)
Bruce Highway - Childers to Sarina - Strengthening and Widening	52.4	19.2	0.0	0.0	71.6
Bruce Highway - Curra to Childers - Strengthening and Widening	19.2	5.8	0.0	0.0	25.0
Total Bruce Highway - Strengthening and Widening	71.6	25.0	0.0	0.0	96.6
Bruce Highway - Sarina to Cairns - Overtaking Lanes	31.8	19.4	18.8	0.0	70.0
Bruce Highway - Curra to Sarina - Overtaking Lanes	75.2	15.1	12.2	2.5	105.0
Total Bruce Highway - Overtaking Lanes	107.0	34.5	31.0	2.5	175.0
Bruce Highway - Sarina to Cairns - Rest Areas	4.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	5.0
Bruce Highway - Curra to Sarina - Rest Areas	14.9	1.8	3.3	0.0	20.0
Bruce Highway - Rest Areas	19.6	2.1	3.3	0.0	25.0

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Question no.: 130

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Infrastructure Investment – Mackay Ring Road Study

Proof Hansard Page: 107 (26 May 2014)

Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Mr Jagers: ...The last one is the Mackay Ring Road Study. It has an Australian government contribution of \$10 million. The final money for this financial year for that work—

Senator McLUCAS: Is it all in 2013-14?

Mr Jagers: I think the final amount is. I am not sure if there was some before. If that is not correct then I will take it on notice.

Answer:

The Australian Government's \$10 million contribution towards the Mackay Ring Road Study was paid in June 2011.

The Australian Government has committed a further \$428 million to the \$540 million estimated construction cost of Stage 1 of the Mackay Ring Road, plus \$20 million to assist with the planning and preservation of the road corridor for the subsequent stages of the Ring Road project.

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Question no.: 131

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: South Road Darlington Interchange Project

Proof Hansard Page: 112 (26 May 2014)

Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:

Senator GALLACHER: Can you indicate the Commonwealth's funding profile for the South Road Darlington Interchange project? I believe it was agreed on Saturday night. Was it signed off on the weekend with the Prime Minister and the Premier?

Mr Mrdak: Over the weekend, yes. They had a meeting on the weekend which formalised the arrangements with the contribution of the two governments.

Senator GALLACHER: Do we know how much goes in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 out of that?

Mr Mrdak: I will just see if we have got those figures. We will take that on notice and see if we can get back to you as quickly as possible this evening.

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 125 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Question no.: 132

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Bunbury Harbour

Proof Hansard Page: 116 (26 May 2014)

Senator Back, Chris asked:

Senator BACK: ... The second relates to the Bunbury Harbour and particularly any funds being allocated for the ring roads around the harbour to improve access? ...

Mr Mrdak: If you do not mind we will take them on notice..

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 123 of Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Question no.: 133

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Port Link Project

Proof Hansard Page: 116 (26 May 2014)

Senator Back, Chris asked:

Senator BACK: ... The third was whether there was any update at all on the Port Link project, which is the project with Kalgoorlie at the hub, Esperance to the south going right through to the northern ports? ...

Mr Mrdak: If you do not mind we will take them on notice..

Answer:

A response to this question can be found on page 124 of the Hansard from the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 26 May 2014.

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Question no.: 134

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Busselton Regional Airport Expansion Project Stage 1B

Proof Hansard Pages: 123-124 (26 May 2014)

Senator Back asked:

Senator BACK: Regarding the extension of the runways at the Busselton airport in the south west of WA. If you are not aware—although you might be—there is already some fly-in fly-out activity taking place with Rio Tinto and one other major company. They want to increase it significantly as there is a huge demand in that area. The economics of substantially increasing the number of fly-in fly-outs, I am told by the local government, is the equivalent of the tourism dollar in that south west corner. Are there any funds allocated to or is there capacity for federal support to that project?

Mr Mrdak: I am not aware of any funding allocation to the Busselton airport development. The Australian government has set up in this budget the stronger regions program. Projects such as that may be projects that could be considered as part of that program. That program commences in 2015-16. That program has \$200 million per annum nationally. It is very much geared towards economic infrastructure, albeit looking initially at regions of economic disadvantage. We would have to look closely at that project, but I am not aware of any commitment at this stage.

Senator BACK: The second one was concluding the ring-roads around the port of Bunbury to improve—

Mr Mrdak: I will just check—Mr McCormick may be able to give you some more information about Busselton.

Mr McCormick: Under the Community Development Grants Programme we do have a \$500,000 commitment to the Busselton Regional Airport terminal expansion project.

...

Senator BACK: If you have the information, what is the time frame for that? Is it next financial year? The year after? Otherwise, if you could provide it on notice, that would be fantastic.

Ms O'Connell: We will have it; we just need to locate it.

Senator BACK: On notice is fine, Mr McCormick.

...

Senator BACK: ... Mr McCormick, were you able to get me a figure?

Mr McCormick: Sorry, I do not have the dates for that.

Senator BACK: That is okay. We will get that on notice.

Answer:

Funding of \$500,000 was approved under the Community Development Grants (CDG) Programme to the City of Busselton for the Busselton Regional Airport Expansion Project (Stage 1 B).

Under the terms of the Funding Agreement, executed between the Australian Government and the City of Busselton on 21 March 2014, the project is due to reach completion in December 2014 and the funds are allocated to be paid in 2014-15 on achievement of milestones.

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Question no.: 135

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Criteria for Black Spot Funding

Proof Hansard Page: 22 (27 May 2014)

Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:

Senator GALLACHER: ... Can you tell me what the criteria for Black Spot funding are?

Mr Mrdak: I will get that for you. There is a series of criteria as to what projects qualify. As you are aware, there are state assessment committees that then rank projects against those criteria. Rather than confuse myself and you, I would prefer it if I can take that on notice and give you the guidelines, if that is all right. It does talk about ranked projects based on level of accident, incident and the like, which I will get for you.

Answer:

On 18 June 2014, Assistant Minister Briggs announced amended eligibility criteria for the Black Spot Programme for 2015-16 and 2016-17. For these years:

- the minimum crash history criterion for discrete sites, such as intersections, is 2 casualty crashes over 5 years;
- the minimum crash history criterion for lengths of road is 0.13 crashes per kilometre per year over 5 years;
- the minimum Benefit Cost Ratio for proposals is 1.0;
- the maximum amount of funding which can be used to treat sites which do not meet the crash history criterion, but have been nominated on the basis of an independent road safety audit, is 40 per cent; and
- where applications allow, at least 50 per cent of available Black Spot funding must be delivered to regional projects.

In each year, all nominations for Black Spot funding are first assessed by the relevant state/territory road authority, which has details of the crash history of the sites and the expertise to assess the appropriate treatment. Eligible proposals are prioritised according to their assessed safety benefit and are then considered by the Black Spot Consultative Panel established in each state/territory which makes project recommendations up to the limit of available funding. Proposals recommended by each Panel are forwarded to the Assistant Minister for his consideration and approval.

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Question no.: 136

Program: Programme 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: East West Link Project

Proof Hansard Pages: 31-32 (27 May 2014)

Senator Sterle , Glenn asked:

ACTING CHAIR: ...Can I just clarify something while you are at the table, in terms of road funding. It follows on from a newspaper article today, Mr Mrdak. I want to clarify something regarding the East West Link project. We are very well aware that the Victorian government's budget papers, strategy and outlook, at page 48 states that these surpluses incorporate Commonwealth grants of \$1.5 billion for the East West Link, eastern section, and a further \$1.5 billion for the East West Link, western section. In today's Age it is reported that Infrastructure Australia officials have told us that \$1 billion will be allocated for the western section by the end of the financial year—of which I am very well aware; that was what came out yesterday—with the remaining \$500 million to be held back until 2018-19. I am just trying to find out if the newspaper got it right, if we are reporting it all right and whether any clarification needs to be put forward, in that I believe the funding cannot be in two places at once. Can you clarify exactly where this funding is located, Mr Mrdak?

Mr Mrdak: I and my officers do not have the spreadsheets with us. I will take that on notice. But I think the essence of the evidence that you got yesterday was that there is a payment this financial year, which is the \$1 billion.

ACTING CHAIR: So 2014-15; that is the \$1 billion?

Mr Mrdak: 2013-14.

Ms O'Connell: 2013-14 is the \$1 billion.

ACTING CHAIR: 2013-14, I am sorry, yes; this year.

Mr Mrdak: I think you have accurately reported the year in which the rest of the balance of east west 2 is available, but I will confirm that for you, if I could.

ACTING CHAIR: If you could confirm that, and I just want to know whether the half a billion for stage 2 of the East West Link has been transferred to the Victorian government or whether it is still sitting here in Canberra.

Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The budgeted funding profile for the East West Link project is as follows:

East West Link	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m
Eastern section	500.0	100.0	300.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
Western section	1,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	500.0
TOTAL	1,500.0	100.0	300.0	600.0	0.0	500.0

The profiled payments for 2013-14 were made by 30 June 2014.

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Program: Community Development Grants Programme

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Community Development Grants

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Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: ... How did the government make its decisions around which projects would be included in round 1 of CDG?

Mr Mrdak: The government has committed \$342 million to CDG. That is 301 projects, I am advised; 231 were projects identified by the government as government commitments when they came—

Senator CONROY: So 231?

Mr Mrdak: 231 projects, which are government election commitments.

Senator CONROY: There is no process that they go through?

Mr Mrdak: They were government commitments when they came to office.

Senator CONROY: Irrespective of whether they met any criteria?

Mr Mrdak: All of the projects are assessed by the department to ensure viability—

Senator CONROY: And yet miraculously all of them meet your criteria?

Mr Mrdak: No, we go through an assessment process. As you know, we have obligations under the Financial Management Act in relation to the expenditure of Commonwealth funds. They have to meet those criteria. That assessment takes place. We provide—

Senator CONROY: Which of the 231 commitments did not meet the criteria at first? Let us just put it that way.

Mr Mrdak: I do not have that information with me. I would need to take that on notice. Unfortunately, this is handled in our infrastructure area, which we dealt with yesterday.

Senator CONROY: Okay.

Mr Mrdak: I only have some top level detail, which I can give you. I am happy to take on notice further questions. I am advised that, of the 301 projects, 231 are commitments by the government when they came to office. Fifty-seven were formally uncontracted but committed Regional Development Australia RDAF projects. They were uncontracted at the time of the caretaker period but commitments have been made which the government has proceeded with. Also, that CDG incorporates 13 previously uncontracted community infrastructure grant projects which, again, were commitments which were uncontracted. The program is now up and running. I can get you some details. Details of all of the projects are on our website. I can get you some details in relation to the assessment process of each of those.

...

Senator CONROY: So they notionally have been funded even though they have not met your criteria?

Mr Mrdak: The 231 is the number of commitments that the government has made. I will come back to you with details against those as to which ones have been contracted at this stage.

Answer:

In November 2013, the Government committed \$342 million from 2013-14 till 2016-17 towards the Community Development Grants Programme (CDG) for 301 projects including:

- 231 election commitment projects;
- 57 uncontracted Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF); and
- 13 uncontracted Community Infrastructure Grants (CIG) projects.

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There are now 294 projects to be delivered under the CDG programme following:

- inclusion of a further eight projects;
- transfer of seven projects to other agencies;
- transfer of two projects from CDG to Tasmanian jobs Growth Plan (TJGP); and
- six projects not proceeding.

The status of the 294 projects as at 12 June 2014 was:

<i>Source of Project</i>	<i>Total Number of Projects</i>	<i>Contracts in Place</i>
Election commitments	225	32
Uncontracted RDAF	56	32
Uncontracted CIG	13	7

As at 12 June 2014, 101 projects had been approved for funding by the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, with 71 contracted. The details of the CDG projects have been published on the Department's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au.

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Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: Could you give us an indication, under round 1, how many of the electorates are held by National-Liberal Party members?

Mr Mrdak: I do not have that. I would have to take that on notice in terms of the allocation across electorates. There is not a round per se. The 231 are commitments of the government on coming to office. The program is not subject to funding rounds.

...

Senator CONROY: But you will take on notice which electorates the grants are in?

Mr Mrdak: Yes. We will see whether we can provide that information.

Senator CONROY: Particularly the 231, but I am happy to have all 301—you said?

Answer:

There are 294 projects being delivered under the CDG programme:

- 225 were election commitments;
- 56 were uncontracted RDAF projects; and
- 13 were uncontracted CIG projects.

A list of the 294 CDG projects by state and electorate is at [Attachment A](#).

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Attachment A

Community Development Grants Projects – By State and Electorate

State	Electorate	Proponent	Project
ACT	Fraser	Havelock Housing Association Inc.	Havelock House Refurbishment and Repairs
NSW	Banks	Pole Depot Community Centre Inc.	Pole Depot Community Centre - Support to Construct New Community Facility
NSW	Bennelong	Australian Rugby Union Ltd	ARU TG Millner Field Multi-Purpose Community and High Performance Facility North Ryde
NSW	Bennelong	City of Ryde	Ryde Riverwalk
NSW	Bennelong	City of Ryde Council	ELS Hall Park Upper Amenities Upgrade
NSW	Bennelong	City of Ryde Council	Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre - New Starting Blocks
NSW	Bennelong	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association - Club Room Upgrade
NSW	Bennelong	Hornsby Shire Council	North Epping Multipurpose Playing Courts
NSW	Calare	Orange City Council	Construction of Orange Regional Museum and Cultural Square
NSW	Calare	Parkes Shire Council	Parkes Regional Airport Redevelopment
NSW	Canberra	Administration of Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island Port Facilities Upgrade - Stage 2
NSW	Cook	Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club	Cronulla Surf Club Upgrade of Facilities
NSW	Cook	Elouera Surf Life Saving Club Inc.	Elouera Surf Club Balcony Upgrade and Kiosk Construction
NSW	Cook	North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Inc.	North Cronulla Surf Club Upgrade of Facilities
NSW	Cook	Wanda Surf Life Saving Club Inc.	Redevelopment of Clubhouse for the Wanda Surf Club
NSW	Cowper	Clarence Valley Council	Wherrett Park Sporting Upgrade

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NSW	Cowper	Clarence Valley Council	Clarence Valley Regional Airport Upgrade
NSW	Cowper	Clarence Valley Council	McLachlan Park - Connecting to the Clarence
NSW	Cowper	Mid Coast Communities Incorporated	Our Place: The South Kempsey Recreational Parklands Project
NSW	Dobell	Wyong Shire Council	Norah Head Boat Ramp Replacement
NSW	Dobell	Wyong Shire Council	Tuggerah Sporting Precinct (Central Coast Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex)
NSW	Dobell	Central Coast Group Training	Local Skills and Jobs Centre on the NSW Central Coast
NSW	Eden-Monaro	NSW Trade and Investment	Snug Cove Redevelopment - Eden
NSW	Eden-Monaro	Queanbeyan City Council	Upgrade Seiffert Oval and Stadium
NSW	Eden-Monaro	Queanbeyan City Council	Upgrade of Riverside Soccer Club Playing and Clubhouse Facilities
NSW	Eden-Monaro	Southern NSW Medicare Local	Design, Construction and Furnishing of Captains Flat Multipurpose Health Centre
NSW	Farrer	Lifeline Broken Hill Inc.	Lifeline Broken Hill-Community Neighbourhood Centre Development
NSW	Gilmore	Dunn & Lewis Youth Development Foundation Ltd	Dunn and Lewis Memorial Centre - Construction of Stage 2
NSW	Gilmore	Kiama Municipal Council	Kiama Blowhole Harbourside Works
NSW	Gilmore	Shoalhaven City Council	Men's Shed - Sanctuary Point - Small Equipment Grant
NSW	Gilmore	Shoalhaven City Council	Berry School of Arts Upgrade
NSW	Gilmore	Shoalhaven City Council	Skate Parks - Construction of Three Facilities
NSW	Gilmore	Shoalhaven City Council	Round the Bay Pathway - Orion and Callala Sections (Jervis Bay)
NSW	Gilmore	PCYC Shoalhaven	Shoalhave PCYC New Equipment Purchase
NSW	Greenway	Blacktown City Council	William Lawson Park Netball Courts Upgrade
NSW	Hume	Wollondilly Shire Council	Picton Showground Lighting Upgrade

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NSW	Hunter	Cessnock Clay Target Club	Cessnock Clay Target Club Footpath
NSW	Kingsford-Smith	Coogee Surf Life Saving Club	Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club Refurbishment
NSW	Kingsford-Smith	South East Equestrian Club	Purchase of portable yards and stabling facilities for the South East Equestrian Club, Malabar.
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith City Council	Hunter Fields, Emu Plains - Lighting Upgrade
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith City Council	Jamieson Park Shade Cloths and Canteen Upgrade
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith City Council	Andromeda Oval, Cranebrook - Upgrade Drainage
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith City Council	Greygums Reserve Upgrade Turf
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith City Council	Andrews Road Baseball Complex - Safety Fence
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith City Council	Hickey's Park, Penrith Playing Surface Upgrade
NSW	Lindsay	Penrith Rugby League Club Ltd	Western Sydney Community and Sports Precinct
NSW	Lyne	Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council	Biripai New Shed for Community Men and Women
NSW	Lyne	Gloucester High School	Gloucester High School Bus
NSW	Lyne	Greater Taree City Council	Northern Gateway – Regional Transport Access Infrastructure
NSW	Lyne	Port Macquarie - Hastings Council	Port Macquarie Indoor Sports Stadium Upgrade
NSW	Lyne	Port Macquarie Hastings U3A Inc.	University of the 3rd Age Upgrade
NSW	Lyne	Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club	Port Macquarie Surf Lifesaving Club Upgrade
NSW	Lyne	Port Macquarie Tennis Club	Port Macquarie Tennis Club Lighting and Fencing
NSW	Lyne	Surf Life Saving NSW	Surf Life Saving NSW Port Macquarie Operations and Training Centre
NSW	Lyne	Taree Motor Cycle Club Inc.	Taree Motor Cycle Club Facility Upgrade
NSW	Lyne	The Scouts Association of Australia NSW Branch	Wingham Scouts Facility Refurbishment
NSW	Lyne	Walcha Council	Upgrading Thunderbolts Way
NSW	Macarthur	Camden Council	Narellan Jets Field Upgrade

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NSW	Macarthur	Campbelltown City Council	Lynwood Park Artificial Grass
NSW	Macarthur	Mater Dei School	Sustainable Heating for Special Needs Pool
NSW	Macquarie	Blue Mountains Tourism Limited	Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism
NSW	New England	Armidale Dumaresq Shire Council	Armidale Airport Upgrade
NSW	New England	New England Regional Art Museum Limited	New England Regional Art Museum Air Conditioning Upgrade
NSW	New England	Werris Creek Community Shed Inc.	Werris Creek Community Shed Facility
NSW	New England	Guyra Shire Council	Kolora Aged Care Facility - Dementia Wing
NSW	Page	Grafton Hockey Association Inc.	Grafton Hockey Club Upgrade
NSW	Page	Iluka Woombah Men's Shed Inc.	Iluka/Woomba Men's Shed Establishment
NSW	Page	Mid-Richmond Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Scout Hall Kitchen Renovation
NSW	Page	Richmond Valley Council	Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome Museum
NSW	Page	South Grafton Junior Rugby League Club	Grafton Rugby League Goal Posts
NSW	Parkes	Cobar Shire Council	Cobar Skate Park Entertainment Hub
NSW	Parramatta	Holroyd City Council	Hydrotherapy Pool For Seniors - Wenworthville Merrylands
NSW	Parramatta	Parramatta District Men's Shed Inc.	Parramatta Men's Shed Kamballa Precinct - Supply of Tools and Equipment
NSW	Paterson	Dungog Shire Council	Gresford Sporting Complex Lighting
NSW	Paterson	Great Lakes Council	Cape Hawke Surf Club Redevelopment, Stage 2
NSW	Paterson	Port Stephens Council	Wallalong Skate Park
NSW	Reid	Briars at Greenlees Sporting Club	Rothwell Park Change Rooms
NSW	Reid	City of Canada Bay	Edwards Park Community and Amenities Building
NSW	Reid	New South Wales Netball Association Ltd	Netball Centre of Excellence Construction

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NSW	Richmond	Tweed Shire Council	Murwillumbah Football Club Upgrade
NSW	Richmond	Tweed Shire Council	Joan Nicoll Tennis Centre - Stage 1 and 2
NSW	Richmond	Tweed Shire Council	Knox Park Youth Precinct
NSW	Robertson	Gosford City Council	Brendan Franklin Oval, Terrigal - Drainage
NSW	Robertson	Gosford City Council	Kariong United Football Club - Lighting
NSW	Robertson	Gosford City Council	Woy Woy Oval Redevelopment
NSW	Robertson	Gosford City Council	Kibbleplex Learning and Development Centre Upgrade
NSW	Sydney	Lord Howe Island Board	Lord Howe Aerodrome Works
NSW	Warringah	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles Ltd	Upgrade to Brookvale Oval Manly
NSW	Watson	Canterbury City Council	Sydney Multicultural Arts and Sport Precinct
NSW	Wentworth	North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club	North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment
NSW	Werriwa	Campbelltown City Council	Campbelltown City Kangaroos Rugby League Club Amenities Block Upgrade
NT	Lingiari	Alice Springs Tennis Association Inc.	Tennis Alice Springs Club House Upgrade
NT	Lingiari	AFL Northern Territory	Treagar Park Football Stadium Upgrade
NT	Lingiari	Barkly Shire Council	Tennant Creek Regional Sporting Facilities Upgrade
NT	Lingiari	Buku Larrnggay Mulka Incorporated	The Mulka Project Digital Learning Centre, formerly the Gamarrwa Digital Learning Centre
NT	Solomon	Berrimah Riding Club Inc.	Washbay Shade Structure at Robbie Robbins Reserve)
NT	Solomon	Northern Territory Table Tennis Association Inc.	NT Table Tennis Association
NT	Solomon	Palmerston Football Club Inc.	Amenities Block Upgrade
NT	Solomon	South Darwin Rugby League Club Inc.	South Darwin Rugby League Club Upgrade

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QLD	Blair	Ipswich Hockey Association Inc.	Ipswich Hockey Centre Lighting Refurbishment
QLD	Blair	Stars Softball Sporting Association	Stars Softball Sporting Association Equipment Grant
QLD	Bonner	Mount Gravatt Men's Shed Inc.	Mount Gravatt Men's Shed - Stage 2 Construction and Fit Out of Existing Facility
QLD	Bonner	St Pauls United Soccer Club Inc.	Yandina Park Mansfield Clubhouse Facility Construction
QLD	Bonner	Gumdale and District Progress Association	Gumdale Scouts Car Park Construction
QLD	Brisbane	Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club Ltd	Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club Sporting Grounds Redevelopment
QLD	Brisbane	Brisbane Inner North Sporting Community	Brisbane Inner North Sporting Community Facilities Upgrade
QLD	Brisbane	GPS Rugby Club Inc.	GPS Rugby Club Ashgrove Facilities Upgrade
QLD	Brisbane	OzHarvest Brisbane	OzHarvest
QLD	Capricornia	Rockhampton Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels Rockhampton Kitchen Redevelopment
QLD	Capricornia	Rockhampton Regional Council	Sth Rockhampton Flood Levee
QLD	Capricornia	Rockhampton Regional Council	Mount Morgan Showgrounds Refurbishment
QLD	Dawson	Mackay & Regional Football Zone Inc.	Mackay Junior Soccer Grounds Relocation
QLD	Dawson	Mackay Gymnastics Inc.	Mackay Gymnastics Relocation
QLD	Dickson	Pine Central Holy Spirit Rugby League Football Club	Pine Central Holy Spirit Rugby League Football Club - New Clubhouse
QLD	Dickson	Pine Hills Football Club	Pines Hill Football Club, Arana Hills Upgrade
QLD	Dickson	TBC	Pine Rivers Hospital Feasibility Study
QLD	Fadden	Labrador Men's Shed Inc.	Labrador Men's Shed Extension
QLD	Fadden	Southport Labrador Cricket Club Inc.	Labrador Cricket Club Fence Upgrade
QLD	Fairfax	Eumundi and District Historical Association Inc.	Discover Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre Extension
QLD	Fisher	Kawana Soccer Club Inc.	Kawana Soccer Fields Upgrade

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QLD	Flynn	Banana Shire Council	Moura Recreation Ground Dressing Shed
QLD	Flynn	Central Highlands Regional Council	Blackwater Aquatic Centre Upgrade
QLD	Flynn	Meteors Sports Club Inc.	Meteors Sports Club Change Room Upgrade
QLD	Flynn	North Burnett Regional Council	Gayndah Emergency Co-Ord Centre Construction
QLD	Flynn	Rockhampton Regional Council	Gracemere Streetscape
QLD	Forde	Logan City Council	State Emergency Relations Trailor
QLD	Forde	Logan City Council	Purchase of New Handheld GPS Tracking Units
QLD	Forde	Logan City Council	Beenleigh Town Centre Upgrade
QLD	Griffith	Easts Rugby Union Club	Easts Rugby Union Club - Cooparoo Light Installation
QLD	Groom	Lifeline Darling Downs & South West Queensland Limited	Toowoomba and Region Community for Community (C4C) Flexi-School Intergenerational Mentoring Hub
QLD	Herbert	TEC-NQ Limited	Regional Training Accommodation Facility
QLD	Herbert	North Queensland Residential Communities - Stockland	Northern Beaches Community Centre and Cyclone Evacuation Shelter
QLD	Herbert	Townsville City Council	Castle Hill Solar Lighting
QLD	Herbert	TPA&I Association	Townsville Showgrounds Amenities Upgrade
QLD	Herbert	Townsville City Council	Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre Upgrade
QLD	Hinkler	Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club	Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club Extension
QLD	Hinkler	Hervey Bay Hockey Association Inc.	Hervey Bay Hockey Association Synthetic Turf
QLD	Hinkler	Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club	Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Tower
QLD	Leichhardt	Mossman Botanic Garden Inc.	Mossman Botanic Gardens
QLD	Leichhardt	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Upgrade NPA Airport Refuelling Services
QLD	Leichhardt	Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Torres Strait Coastal Protection Works
QLD	Lilley	Brisbane City Council	Billy Sing Memorial

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QLD	Lilley	Brisbane Hockey Management Group Inc.	Burringbar Park Facility Upgrade
QLD	Lilley	Sandgate-Redcliffe District Cricket Club	Sandgate-Redcliffe Junior Cricket Club Lighting
QLD	Longman	Caboolture Netball Association Inc.	Caboolture Sports Centre Netball Precinct
QLD	Longman	Moreton Bay Regional Council	Dakabin Train Station - Vehicle Access
QLD	Longman	Moreton Bay Regional Council	Flood Mitigation Works at Dale Street Burpengary
QLD	Maranoa	Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre	Stockman's Hall of Fame Upgrade and Support
QLD	Moreton	Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Inc.	Sunnybank Men's Shed – Equipment Purchase
QLD	Oxley	Jindalee Golf Club Inc	Jindalee Golf Club Fence Upgrade
QLD	Oxley	Jindalee Jaguars AFC Inc.	Jindalee AFL Club Equipment
QLD	Oxley	West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club Inc.	West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club Inc.
QLD	Petrie	Bracken Ridge Little Athletics	Bracken Ridge Little Athletics - Lighting Upgrade at McPherson Park
QLD	Petrie	Deception Bay PCYC	PCYC - Deception Bay Construction
QLD	Petrie	Redcliffe District Rugby League Football Club	Redcliffe Dolphins Oval Upgrade
QLD	Wide Bay	Cooloola Coast Medical Transport Inc.	CCMT Business Premises Upgrade
QLD	Wide Bay	Maryborough & District Hockey Association	Maryborough Hockey Club Lighting Upgrade
QLD	Wide Bay	Gympie Muster Ltd	Improving the Gympie Music Muster Site Facilities
QLD	Wright	Boonah Show Society	Boonah Showgrounds Upgrade
SA	Adelaide	Kilburn Football and Cricket Club	Kilburn Football and Cricket Club Upgrade
SA	Barker	District Council of Grant	Port MacDonnell Marine Infrastructure Development
SA	Barker	District Council of Loxton Waikerie	Waikerie Sports Precinct - Stage 2 Development
SA	Barker	Renmark Paringa Council	Renmark Town Centre Revitalisation
SA	Boothby	City of Holdfast Bay	Kauri Parade Sporting Community Precinct Holdfast Bay
SA	Boothby	Southern Adelaide Health Institute Inc.	Muscular Investigations Unit
SA	Boothby	Sturt Baseball Club Inc.	Norman Reserve Backstop and Netting

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SA	Grey	District Council of Elliston	Elliston Coastal Trail
SA	Hindmarsh	Adelaide Cobras Football Club	Weigall Oval Drainage
SA	Hindmarsh	City of Charles Sturt	Henley Square Redevelopment
SA	Hindmarsh	City of Holdfast Bay	Glenelg Foreshore Upgrade
SA	Hindmarsh	Plympton Sporting and Recreation Club Inc	Clubroom Upgrade
SA	Hindmarsh	Seaton Ramblers Football and Sports Club	Seaton Ramblers Football Club Upgrade
SA	Mayo	City of Victor Harbor	Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre
SA	Sturt	Campbelltown City Council	Campbelltown Leisure Centre- Redevelopment
SA	Sturt	City of Burnside	Burnside Hockey Club Facilities Relocation
SA	Wakefield	City of Playford	Eastern Park Football Club Upgrade
SA	Wakefield	Light Regional Council	Hewett Shared Use Path – Regional Connector Upgrade
SA	Wakefield	Town of Gawler	Gawler Youth Recreational Precinct
TAS	Bass	Dorset Council	North Eastern Mountain Bike Trails Development
TAS	Bass	George Town Council	George Town Cricket Club Repairs
TAS	Bass	George Town Council	George Town Sports Complex Storm Water Harvesting and Irrigation
TAS	Bass	Launceston City Council	Invermay Park Development - Upgrade of Grounds, Drainage and New Lights
TAS	Braddon	Burnie City Council	Burnie Indoor Pool Expansion
TAS	Braddon	Circular Head Council	Smithton Recreation Area Improvements
TAS	Braddon	Cradle Coast Outrigger Canoe Club In	Outriggers Club House and Storage Facility
TAS	Braddon	Devonport City Soccer Club Inc.	Devonport Soccer Grounds Upgrade
TAS	Braddon	Meercroft Park Committee Inc.	Meercroft Park Devonport Hockey Surface Replacement
TAS	Lyons	Sorell Council	Dunalley Community Hall Rebuild
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Carrington Park Reserve Electronic Scoreboard
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Fairpark Reserve Boundary Fence and Spoon Drain Upgrade
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Exner Reserve Floodlighting Upgrade

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VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Knox Gardens Reserve Lower Oval Upgrade
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Eildon Park Reserve Pavilion
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Templeton Reserve Surface Upgrade
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Walker Reserve Multi-Purpose Training Facility
VIC	Aston	Boronia RSL Sub-Branch Inc.	Knox Honour Roll
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Seebeck Oval Seating
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Knox Athletics Track Terracing Shade Sails Stage 2
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Lakesfield Reserve Floodlighting Upgrade
VIC	Aston	Knox City Council	Terracing and Pathway Upgrade at Wally Tew Reserve
VIC	Aston	Maroondah City Council	JW Manson Reserve Spectator Viewing Area
VIC	Aston	Chinese Association of Victoria Inc.	Upgrade of Amenities at Chinese Association of Victoria Cultural Centre
VIC	Bendigo	Bendigo District RSL	Bendigo RSL Museum and Memorial Hall-Refurbishment Planning
VIC	Bendigo	Kyneton Community Park Inc.	Kyneton Community Park Construction
VIC	Bendigo	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Woodend Youth Facility Upgrade
VIC	Bendigo	Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group	Construction of New Respite/Community House Facility
VIC	Bruce	City of Monash	Freeway Reserve Car Park Sealing and Lighting
VIC	Bruce	City of Monash	Larpent Reserve Ground Redevelopment
VIC	Bruce	City of Monash	Capital Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment
VIC	Bruce	We Care Community Services	We Care Van Replacement
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Council	Launching Place Primary School - Parking Area Construction
VIC	Casey	METEC Driver Training	METEC - Minor Capital Works at Practical Driver Training School
VIC	Casey	Save Healesville Hospital Action Group	Healesville Hospital Small Rural Health Service Business Case Study

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VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Pinks Reserve Regional Netball Facility Court Shelters
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Don Road Reserve Sports Pavilion – Healesville
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Queens Park Sports Pavilion Upgrade
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Mount Evelyn Netball Club Upgrade
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Council	Yarra Valley Tourist Railway
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Monbulk Reserve Netball Court Upgrade and Shelter
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Yarra Junction Sports Pavilion
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Council	Monbulk Soccer Club Facilities Upgrade
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Warburton Recreation Reserve Upgrade - Football Posts and Synthetic Aprons
VIC	Casey	Yarra Ranges Council	Woori Yallock Primary School - Car Park Construction
VIC	Chisholm	City of Monash	Ashwood Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment
VIC	Corangamite	City of Greater Geelong	Grovedale Sporting Club Lighting Upgrade
VIC	Corangamite	City of Greater Geelong	Shell Road Reserve, Ocean Grove - Park Upgrade
VIC	Corangamite	Colac Otway Shire	Lake Colac Master Plan
VIC	Corangamite	Colac Otway Shire	Colac Central Reserve Upgrade
VIC	Corangamite	Golden Plains Shire	Dereel Men's Shed
VIC	Corangamite	Golden Plains Shire Council	Water Infrastructure In Golden Plains Food Production and Employment Precinct
VIC	Corangamite	Golden Plains Shire Council	Meredith Integrated Community Hub
VIC	Corangamite	Rokewood RSL Sub-branch	Rokewood War Memorial
VIC	Corangamite	Surf Coast Shire	Banyul Warri Fields Stage 2 - Youth Recreation and Play Zone
VIC	Corio	City of Greater Geelong	Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases - Construction of Research Hub
VIC	Deakin	Maroondah City Council	East Ringwood Cricket Club Pavilion Upgrade
VIC	Deakin	Maroondah City Council	Norwood Sporting Club Pavilion Upgrade

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VIC	Deakin	Whitehorse City Council	Walker Park Community Safety Netting Project Mitcham Football Club
VIC	Dunkley	Frankston City Council	Frankston War Memorial Relocation
VIC	Dunkley	Frankston City Council	Seaford Community Centre Roof Restoration - Junior Library
VIC	Dunkley	Frankston City Council	Langwarrin Men's Shed Construction
VIC	Dunkley	Frankston City Council	Frankston Park - Dolphins Function Centre
VIC	Dunkley	Frankston City Council	Ballam Park Athletics Centre - Synthetic Track Resurfacing
VIC	Dunkley	Frankston City Council	Frankston Foreshore Precinct Redevelopment
VIC	Dunkley	Mornington Peninsula Shire	Mornington Youth Centre Refurbishment
VIC	Dunkley	Mornington Peninsula Shire	TourPeninsula Signage
VIC	Gippsland	East Gippsland Shire Council	East Bairnsdale Flood Mitigation
VIC	Indi	Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation	Bonegilla Boardwalk and Bike Track
VIC	JagaJaga	Heidelberg United FC	Heidelberg United Football Club
VIC	JagaJaga	Heidelberg Stars Soccer Club and Cartledge Reserve	Heidelberg Stars Soccer Lighting Upgrade
VIC	Kooyong	Boroondara Netball Association	Boroondara Netball Association - Court Resurfacing
VIC	Kooyong	Guide Dogs Victoria	Guide Dogs Victoria - Dog Facilities Enhancement
VIC	La Trobe	Emerald Primary School	Emerald Primary School Basketball Centre
VIC	La Trobe	Emerald Sporting Club	Emerald Sporting Club - Clubroom Development
VIC	La Trobe	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Olinda Reserve - Pavilion and Lighting upgrade
VIC	La Trobe	Officer Recreation Reserve	Officer Football/Netball Clubs Facilities Upgrade Block
VIC	La Trobe	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Belgrave South Football Club - Contribution to Ground Redevelopment
VIC	La Trobe	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Upwey Community Recreational and Sporting Hub
VIC	La Trobe	Windermere	Toomah Centre Upgrade

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VIC	La Trobe	Cardinia Shire Council	Ash Wednesday Memorial Cockatoo
VIC	McEwen	City of Whittlesea	Woodland Waters Reserve and Pavilion (Mernda Football and Netball Club)
VIC	McEwen	City of Whittlesea	Laurimar Football Club Pavilion Upgrade
VIC	McEwen	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Macedon Ranges Netball Association Outdoor Courts
VIC	McEwen	Mitchell Shire Council	Kilmore War Memorial Upgrade
VIC	McEwen	Mitchell Shire Council	Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk Stage 3
VIC	McEwen	Sunbury Kangaroos Football Netball Club	Sunbury Roos Football Club Lighting
VIC	McEwen	Whittlesea Football and Netball Club	Whittlesea Football and Netball Club Outdoor Lights and Hot Water System
VIC	Melbourne	Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria	Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria
VIC	Menzies	Greek Orthodox Parish of St. Haralambos	St Haralambos Church Equipment Funding
VIC	Menzies	Chinese Senior Citizens Club of Manningham Inc	Manningham Chinese Senior Citizens Club Equipment Upgrade
VIC	Murray	Elmore & District Machinery Field Days Incorporated	Elmore Events Centre Amenities and Stables Development
VIC	Murray	Greater Shepparton City Council	Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct
VIC	Wannon	Southern Grampians Shire Council	Melville Oval Lighting Hamilton
WA	Brand	City of Kwinana	Kwinana Adventure Playground
WA	Brand	Mandurah Migrant Centre	Mandurah Migrant Centre – Equipment Purchase
WA	Canning	Mandurah City Council	Mandurah Aquatic Centre Redevelopment Stage Two
WA	Canning	Boddington Community Resource Centre Inc.	Boddington Old School - Darminning Room Repairs
WA	Cowan	African Australian Union Inc.	African Australian Union
WA	Durack	Broome Volunteer Sea Rescue Group	Broome Volunteer Sea Rescue
WA	Durack	Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Western Operations)	Construction of New Operational Headquarters and Purchase of a New Rescue Vessel
WA	Durack	Shire of Exmouth	Development of the Ningaloo Cultural Centre for \$30M

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WA	Durack	Shire of Roebourne	Civic Infrastructure Wellbeing
WA	Forrest	City of Busselton	Busselton Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Stage 1b
WA	Fremantle	City of Cockburn	Regional Physical Activity and Education Centre at Cockburn Central West
WA	Hasluck	Abruzzo Molise Club	Abruzzo Molise Italian Club Equipment Upgrade
WA	Lingiari	Shire of Christmas Island	Construction of the Christmas Island Senior Citizens Centre
WA	O'Connor	City of Albany	Great Southern Centennial Park
WA	O'Connor	Country Music Club of Boyup Brook WA Inc.	Stage 2 Boyup Brook Music Park Infrastructure
WA	O'Connor	Shire of Denmark	Denmark Riverside Club Inc. Stage I
WA	O'Connor	Shire of Esperance	Esperance Waterfront Sustainable Infrastructure
WA	O'Connor	Shire of Plantagenet	Sounness Park Community Recreation Development
WA	Stirling	Anglicare WA	Anglicare WA Community Parks Upgrade
WA	Stirling	Quan The Am Buddhist Association	Buddhist Teaching Aids
WA	Stirling	Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre	Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre Waiting Room Upgrade
WA	Swan	City of South Perth	City of South Perth Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tiger Brennan Drive

Proof Hansard Page: 115 (26 May 2014)

Senator Peris, Nova asked:

Senator PERIS: Has Tiger Brennan Drive been altered from what was allocated in the 2013-14 budget, what is the starting date of construction for the section between Woolner Road and Berrimah Road and what is the expected completion date?

Mr Mrdak: I will get that information for you.

Answer:

Yes, funding has been brought forward to commence in 2013-14 in line with the expected construction timeline.

Construction is expected to commence on the section between Berrimah Road and Woolner Road in late 2014 with completion expected in mid-2016.

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Question no.: 140

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Programs Ceasing – Budget Review

Proof Hansard Page: 16 (26 May 2014)

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: Are there any regional development programs, tasks or activities that were undertaken by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport in 2013-14 that will not be undertaken in 2014-15? I am guessing there must be some.

Ms O'Connell: There were decisions taken by the government in terms of the future of some of the grant rounds in the amalgamations and changes in the middle of those grant rounds and some that will no longer be continued.

Senator CONROY: Could you identify them for us?

Mr Mrdak: At MYEFO last year, the government announced its Community Development Grants Program and its decisions in relation to the former RDAF programs. The RDAF programs have effectively come to an end and the projects that are continuing have been absorbed into what we call the CDG—the Community Development Grants Program.

Senator CONROY: Are there any others that arise out of the MYEFO change, the budget?

Mr Mrdak: No, apart from the ones that have been announced and, as I said, that will terminate. There are two programs that I am aware of which have been terminated: one is the maritime skills program, which will not continue; and the other one is the Tasmanian wheat freight program. I will just check with my CFO. They are the only two programs that I am aware of that are not continuing.

Ms Prothero: According to what I have here, yes.

Senator CONROY: Are you worried about what you have there? If the CFO is worried, I am worried.

Mr Mrdak: I think I have captured them all but, if I have not, I will come back to you. But the only two programs ceasing that I am aware of are sustaining Australia's maritime skills and the Tasmanian wheat freight scheme.

Answer:

The Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) and the Community Infrastructure Grants (CIG) programmes have ceased. Projects which were not contracted at the time the programmes ceased will not be funded under these programmes.

There were 57 projects which received a letter of offer of funding from the RDAF programme, and for which funding agreements had not been signed. There were 13 projects which received a letter of offer of funding from the CIG programme, and for which funding agreements had not been signed. These projects are being funded from the Community Development Grants programme.

Existing contracts under both the RDAF and CIG programmes continue to be managed by the Department.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: The Solutions for Moorebank Documents

Proof Hansard Page: 53 (27 May 2014)

Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:

Senator GALLACHER: Is it possible to get a look at that policy document, the solutions for Moorebank?

Mr Mrdak: The Moorebank business case was published and we can get you a copy of that.

Answer:

The 182 page Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project – Detailed Business Case dated 6 February 2012 is published on the Department of Finance website at:

www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/public_release_detailed_business_case_0.pdf

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Question no.: 142

Program: Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan Programme

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

1. What is the Australian Government Innovation and Investment Fund, (it is listed as a project under the Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan)? Is this just a name change from the Tasmanian Innovation and Investment fund or is it new?
 - a. What types of projects will this fund? Have any projects been selected to be funded?
 - b. Will all the money from this fund be directed into Tasmania?
2. Some of the money is going as grants to private companies. Are there any obligations on these companies for receiving the money? Does the money have to be used for certain projects? This was sold as a job creation package, is there any obligation for them to hire more staff?
3. Who is in charge of ensuring this? What mechanisms are in place? Will people from the Department be visiting individual businesses?
4. Is there funding under this package for evaluation of the projects in the coming financial years?

Answer:

1. The Innovation and Investment element of the Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan (TJGP) was transferred to the Department of Industry during the 2014-15 Budget process.
2. The outcomes for projects funded through the TJGP, as described in the programme guidelines, are to:
 - o secure more jobs;
 - o increase investment in industry and business to boost productivity;
 - o expand infrastructure to support increased production capacity; and
 - o upgrade facilities to improve the liveability and sustainability of local communities.Funding under the TJGP has been allocated to specific projects. If approved, funding proponents will enter into a Funding Agreement with the Australian Government to deliver the project. Payments are made in accordance with the milestone requirements of the Funding Agreement. There is no requirement for the proponent to engage additional staff. However, as support for employment is one of the outcomes of the programme, those private sector proponents who have been approved to date have indicated that they expect to increase their workforce numbers.
3. The Department monitors progress of the project against the agreed milestones in the Funding Agreement and through progress reports submitted by the funding proponent.
4. No.

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Question no.: 143

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Transit Times for Freight Trains

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

1. Has there been any reduction in transit time for the Brisbane-Sydney freight trains and for the XPT over the past three years due to various track upgrades undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)?
 - a. If so, by how many minutes?
2. Is any reduction in transit time for the Brisbane-Sydney freight trains XPT planned over the next twelve months due to various track upgrades undertaken by the ARTC ? May I please have details?
3. Has there been any reduction in transit time for the Melbourne-Sydney freight trains and for the XPT over the past three years due to various track upgrades undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)?
 - a. If so, by how many minutes?
4. Is any reduction in transit time for the Melbourne-Sydney freight trains XPT planned over the next twelve months due to various track upgrades undertaken by the ARTC?

Answer:

1. The track upgrades undertaken by ARTC have improved the reliability of train services on the Brisbane to Sydney corridor rather than targeting transit time savings. This approach was determined by ARTC in consultation with freight customers.
2. The timetable for the next twelve months has not been finalised. Timetable changes are currently under negotiation with the train operators.
3. The track upgrades undertaken by ARTC on the Melbourne to Sydney corridor have improved the reliability of train services rather than targeting transit time savings. This approach was determined by ARTC in consultation with freight customers.
4. The timetable for the next twelve months has not been finalised. Timetable changes are currently under negotiation with the train operators.

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Question no.: 144

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Pacific Highway Upgrades

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

1. Has the Department explored with the ARTC the prospect of shared corridors with road and rail for further Pacific Highway upgrades? May I have details and outcomes of any such discussions?
2. The 2012 finding of Infrastructure NSW State Infrastructure Strategy - Transport Page 43 states that: "Given competing priorities for NSW and Commonwealth Government funds, the high cost and relatively limited benefits of these remaining sections raises questions about the:
* relative merit of prioritising busier sections of the Pacific Highway corridor for upgrade sooner, (in particular from the F3 to Raymond Terrace 40,000 vehicles per day)
* appropriate scope of works and priority for those sections with relatively light traffic."
 - a. What is the Department's response to this?
 - b. Does the Department agree with this statement?
 - c. In what way does the Department differ from this statement?

Answer:

1. No. The ARTC has an existing rail corridor along the north coast of NSW. The Government's priority for new rail infrastructure between Queensland and NSW is the Inland Rail Corridor.
2. (a) Infrastructure priorities are determined by the state and territory governments in consultation with the Australian Government. The Pacific Highway upgrade is a priority for the New South Wales Government. The upgrade has been assessed by Infrastructure Australia each year between 2009 and 2013 inclusive and has been rated as 'ready to proceed' on each occasion. This rating indicates that the upgrade is nationally significant.
(b) The Pacific Highway upgrade is a priority for the Australian and New South Wales governments. The provision of a four-lane divided road between Hexham, near Newcastle, and the Queensland border will significantly improve safety and increase national freight productivity through reduced travel times and greater fuel consumption efficiency.
(c) See response to (a).

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Question no.: 145

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

1. In response to a previous Question on Notice it was confirmed that a detailed cost benefit analysis for the WestConnex project had not been received. Since Infrastructure Australia was established, how many infrastructure projects have been financially supported by the federal government without the federal government having access to a detailed cost-benefit analysis?
2. In previous Estimates answers it has been confirmed that Infrastructure Australia lacked the information required for the Department's skilled economists to test the analysis of the assumptions in the business case for both WestConnex and East West:
 - a. Is this still the case?
 - b. How many other projects that the federal government has financially supported, has this been the case for?
3. Following up concerns regarding AECOM's traffic modelling for the WestConnex – the Department has confirmed it has been unable to verify those projections. Has the federal government funded any other roads projects that have been submitted to Infrastructure Australia where the Department has not been able to verify something as critical as traffic modelling?

Answer:

1. A key component of the Department's management of projects is the requirement for all project proponents to complete a Project Proposal Report. This report includes, as a mandatory item, a cost benefit analysis.
2. a. No.
b. Refer to answer 1 above.
3. The Department engaged an international traffic risk expert to assist in the review of the WestConnex traffic modelling in April 2014.

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Question no.: 146

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Victoria Government and Rail Infrastructure Funding

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

1. What submissions has the Victorian Government made regarding funding for rail infrastructure projects?
2. Will the government table the business case or any cost-benefit documentation on which it is basing its Budget decisions, to provide transparency for its decision to allocate this funding to the proposed East West Link?
 - a. When?

Answer:

1. Since the 2013 Federal Election, the Victorian Government has not provided any submissions for rail infrastructure projects.
2. The East West Link business case was provided to the Australian Government on a confidential basis. It is up to the Victorian Government to agree to the release of this document.

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Question no.: 147

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Project Savings

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. Have there been project savings from the 2013 Budget reallocated from Nation Building projects since September 18? Can you list each project? And the size of the savings?
2. For each of the projects in the previous question, can you outline what was done with those savings? Reallocated to other projects – if so, which?

Answer:

1-2

The table below sets out changes to project amounts, cancellations and movements since 18 September 2013. The changes listed below have been redirected within the Infrastructure Investment Programme.

State	Project	Changes \$m
Savings and cancellations since the 2013 Election		
NSW	Alstonville Bypass	6.7
NSW	Bega Bypass	10.4
NSW	F5 Widening (Brooks Road to Narellan Road)	4.3
NSW	M4 East	25.0
NSW	Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link Design Stage	10.0
NSW	The Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan	0.1
NSW	The Northern/Sherringham Road Intersection	0.5
NT	Upgrade of the Maryvale Road Hughes Stock Route	0.01
QLD	Gateway Motorway North	70.4
QLD	Ipswich Motorway - Dinmore to Goodna	42.0
QLD	Moreton Bay Rail Link	159.0
QLD	QLD Continuing AusLink Projects	0.2
QLD	Bruce Highway - Douglas Arterial Duplication	8.8
QLD	Bruce Highway - Cardwell Range Realignment	4.0
SA	South Road Package Works - Other Projects	17.4
SA	South Road Planning - Other Projects	1.4
SA	Northern Expressway	12.8
SA	Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) on South Eastern Freeway	8.0
TAS	Brighton Intermodal	0.4
TAS	Rail Capacity Improvements at Rhyndaston	4.0
TAS	Upgrade to the Illawarra Link Road	0.3
VIC	Anthony's Cutting	7.6

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State	Project	Changes \$m
VIC	Clyde Road Upgrade	2.8
VIC	Dandenong Intermodal	18.0
VIC	Geelong Ring Road Stage 4A (Anglesea Overpass)	5.0
VIC	Kings Road Interchange (Calder Freeway)	3.4
VIC	Nagambie Bypass (Goulburn Valley Highway)	10.5
VIC	Somerton Intermodal	20.0
VIC	Regional Rail Link	319.0
VIC	Nagambie Bypass	8.5
VIC	Geelong Ring Road	1.6
VIC	Spring vale Road	8.0
VIC	Princess Highway West - Winchelsea to Colac	72.0
WA	Bunbury Port Access Road (Stage 2) and Bunbury Outer Ring Road (Stage 1)	3.2
WA	Great Eastern Highway Widening	12.6
WA	Great Northern Highway, Muchea to Wubin, Bindi Bindi to Lyons	4.0
WA	Perth Airport Gateway	11.4
WA	WA Grain Rail	16.7
WA	Great Eastern Highway, Kooyong Road to Tonkin Highway	10.4
WA	Port Hedland Improvements Project (Stage 2 - Realignment of Great Northern Highway)	1.0
Savings from Projects Cancelled during the 2013 Election		
QLD	Cross River Rail	715.0
QLD	Mulgrave River bridge	40.0
SA	Tonsley Park Public Rail Transport Project	31.5
VIC	Melboure Metro Rail	1,000.0
WA	Perth Urban Rail Public Transport Project	500.0
WA	Airport rail - planning	3.0

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Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Projects Funded

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

In a similar manner to your answer to Senator Edwards following the previous Estimates (answer 46, February 24), please list all infrastructure projects funded by budgets from 2008-9 to 2013-4, inclusive, that were or are on the IA priority list.

Answer:

The following transport infrastructure projects funded by budgets 2008-09 to 2013-14 have been assessed by IA (noting that both IA Submissions and Australian Government project names and scopes could have changed over the time period).

State	Project Name
ACT	Majura Parkway
ARTC	Implementation of the Advanced Train Management System
NSW	Hunter Expressway
NSW	<i>Pacific Highway Corridor (multiple projects within the corridor)</i>
NSW	Moorebank Intermodal Freight Terminal
NSW	Freight Rail Upgrades between Sydney and Newcastle
NSW	Scone Level Crossing
NSW	M1 Productivity Package
NSW	NorthConnex
NSW	General Holmes Drive Level Crossing Grade Separation
NSW	WestConnex
NSW	West Metro
NSW, VIC, SA, WA	<i>National Managed Motorway Program: NSW, Victorian, South Australia and Western Australia</i>
NT	Darwin Port Expansion
QLD	Ipswich Motorway Upgrade - Dinmore to Goodna
QLD	<i>Bruce Highway Corridor (multiple projects within the corridor)</i>
QLD	Gold Coast Light Rail
QLD	Brisbane Cross River Rail
QLD	Legacy Way
QLD	Moreton Bay Rail Link
QLD	<i>Queensland Managed Motorways SE Queensland</i>
QLD	Ipswich Motorway Rocklea to Darra
QLD	Gateway Motorway Upgrade North
QLD	Warrego Highway
SA	Goodwood and Torrens Junction
SA	Gawler Line Modernisation
SA	Noarlunga to Seaford Rail Extension
SA	North South corridor
SA	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands
TAS	Macquarie Point Railyards Precinct Remediation Project
VIC	Melbourne Metro
VIC	Regional Rail Link
VIC	Somerton Intermodal Terminal (Donnybrook)

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VIC	EastWest Link Stage 1
VIC	M80 Ring Road Upgrade
VIC	Melbourne Intermodal System
WA	Oakajee Port Common User Facilities
WA	Gateway WA Perth Airport and Freight Access
WA	Airport Rail Line
WA	Perth Light Rail
WA	Northlink WA/Swan Valley Bypass
WA	Northlink WA/ Tonkin Highway Grade Separation
WA	North West Coastal Highway – Minilya to Barradale
WA	Leach Highway/High Street Upgrade
WA	Great Northern Highway – Muchea to Wubin
WA	Perth Citylink

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Question no.: 149

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Project Agreements

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. Which officer in the Department oversees project agreements with the States for infrastructure projects? If more than one, please outline their position title and responsibility for project agreements.
2. Please outline which States the Department has reached agreement with respect to project agreements and funding profile. For those States, which projects remain outstanding?
3. Have you reached full agreement on 2014-5 funding with any State or Territory yet? If so, which?

Answer:

1. Andrew Jagers, Executive Director, Infrastructure Investment Division.
2. Agreement has been reached for all funding and project commitments in 2013-14, and in principle agreement has been reached for 2014-15 onwards, subject to the settlement of the new National Partnership Agreements.
3. See response to Question 2.

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Question no.: 150

Programme: Programme 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: M80

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Please indicate where the \$249M taken from the M80 allocation in 2013-4 has been reallocated to.

Answer:

As requested by the Victorian Government, \$248.92 million of the Australian Government's commitment to the M80 project has been reallocated to priority projects within the Victorian Infrastructure Investment Programme, including the Western section (Stage 2) of the East West Link. This \$248.92 million had previously been profiled across the five years of the Infrastructure Investment Programme from 2014-15 to 2018-19.

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Question no.: 151

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Pacific Highway

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

When the Department says that Pacific Highway will be completed by the end of the decade, is it referring to December 31, 2019?

Answer:

The Australian Government has committed to completion of the duplication of the Pacific Highway by the end of the decade, being December 2020.

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Question no.: 152

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Has the Department satisfied itself that the project will reduce car travel times by 40 minutes between Parramatta and Sydney Airport? If so, can you indicate when road users will see that benefit?

Answer:

The Business Case Reference Scheme indicates that WestConnex will reduce the typical motorist's travel time between Parramatta and Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport by up to 40 minutes.

The Business Case Reference Scheme indicates that road users are expected to see this benefit on completion of the project.

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Question no.: 153

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex – Stage 1

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Please indicate the funding profile for this project for the following by year:

1. 2013-14
2. 2014-15
3. 2015-16
4. 2016-17
5. 2017-18
6. 2018-19
7. 2019-20
8. 2020-21
9. 2021-22
10. 2022-23
11. Later years

Answer:

1. 2013-14: \$500 million
2. 2014-15: \$250 million
3. 2015-16: \$450 million
4. 2016-17: \$300 million

The funding profile for all other years is \$0.

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Question no.: 154

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex – Stage 2

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Please indicate the funding profile for the concessional loan on this project – that is, how the \$2 billion loan will be allocated across the following by year:

1. 2013-14
2. 2014-15
3. 2015-16
4. 2016-17
5. 2017-18
6. 2018-19
7. 2019-20
8. 2020-21
9. 2021-22
10. 2022-23
11. Later years

Answer:

The concessional loan will be available for drawdown during the construction period of Stage 2 of WestConnex from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2018.

The proposed drawdown profile is:

1. 2013-14 – nil
2. 2014-15 – nil
3. 2015-16 – \$226.4 million
4. 2016-17 – \$854.5 million
5. 2017-18 – \$831.3 million
6. 2018-19 - \$87.8 million
7. Later years – nil

The proposed drawdown profile is based on a preliminary projection and it is likely that the final drawdown profile will be amended to reflect the outcomes of the procurement process.

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Question no.: 155

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Bruce Highway

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Please outline the funding profile, as at the 2013-14 Budget for the following Bruce Highway projects, for the following by year:

1. 2013-14
2. 2014-15
3. 2015-16
4. 2016-17
5. 2017-18

- Cooroy to Curra Section A
- Yeppen Flood Plain Upgrade

Answer:

Project Name	Payments to 30 June 2013	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	Total \$m
Cooroy to Curra – Section A	94.0	0.0	96.9	100.0	4.1	0	295.0
Yeppen Flood Plain Upgrade	50.0	0.0	68.5	76.5	41.0	0	236.0

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Question no.: 156

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Bruce Highway

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

The Department's website lists 5 of the 16 ongoing Bruce Highway projects funded in the 2014/15 Budget announced by Minister Truss as:

1. Upgrade Southern Approach to Cairns (Fed contribution \$150m)
2. Upgrade the Southern Approach to Mackay (Fed contribution \$49m)
3. Burdekin Road Safety Audit (Fed contribution \$16.8m)
4. Calliope Crossroads (Fed contribution \$105m)
5. Upgrading of Southern Approach to Gin Gin (Fed contribution \$20m)

The Department's website also says the status of these 5 projects is 'Completed'

1. How much funding for each of the above projects is included in the 2014/15 Budget, and what is the spending profile each year?
2. How much of the \$6.7 billion package for the Bruce Highway is allocated towards these 5 completed projects?

Answer:

1. Please see the table below outlining the spending profile for the five projects mentioned above:

Project Name	Payments to 30 June 2013 \$m	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	Total \$m
Upgrade Southern Approach to Cairns	113.1	30.0	6.9	150.0
Upgrade the Southern Approach to Mackay	46.5	2.5	0.0	49.0
Burdekin Road Safety Audit	16.6	0.2	0.0	16.8
Calliope Crossroads	97.0	0.0	8.0	105.0
Upgrading of Southern Approach to Gin Gin	12.8	7.2	0.0	20.0
Total	286.0	39.9	14.9	340.8

2. \$54.8 million of the \$6.7 billion package for the Bruce Highway was allocated towards these projects to provide for the final construction and administration costs.

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Question no.: 157

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Cape York Package

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. Why is the total funding amount for the Cape York Region Package only \$208.4 million, when it was announced as \$210 million – where is the remaining \$1.6 million?
2. If the remaining \$1.6 million has been allocated to another project, who made this decision and why?
3. What is the spending profile for these funds during the following years:
 - a. 2014/15,
 - b. 2015/16,
 - c. 2016/17,
 - d. 2017/18 and
 - e. 2018/19.

Answer:

1. The Australian Government reduced the original \$210 million commitment to offset a \$1.6 million contribution to Day Labour costs of the Cook Shire Council in recognition of the exceptional circumstances of the region following cyclone damage to the council's road network. The funding will be used for reconstruction works on the Peninsula Road network which is consistent with the broad objectives of the Cape York Region Package. The funding will be administered by the Attorney-General's Department.
2. The agreement to cover Day Labour costs was approved by the Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP in conjunction with the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP, and the Hon Michael Keenan MP, Minister for Justice to provide assistance to the Cook Shire Council in its disaster recovery works.
3. The funding profile for the Cape York Regional Package is set out in the table below:

Financial Year	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m	Total \$m
Funding	18.4	50.0	50.0	50.0	40.0	208.4

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Program: Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan Programme

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. Can the Department confirm that all of the projects announced by Minister Truss on 23 October 2013 in his press release will still be honoured?
2. Can you please explain the funding allocation across the forward estimates? Why is this less than \$100 million?
3. Can the Department confirm how many of the projects remain uncontracted?
4. Some projects are still undergoing 'due process' and cost-benefit tests. Can you please outline the current process that the Department is undertaking for each project?
5. Can the Department explain why only six projects have been announced to date? Can the Department determine if there has been anything holding up the process? How many departmental people have been assigned to this work?
6. For the projects that remain uncontracted, what is the current process being undertaken to move these to a signed contract?
7. Is the Department aware of any projects which could, for any reason, be rejected?
8. Which Minister has the final responsibility for this program?

Answer:

1. The Department has not yet completed a value with public money assessment on all projects being considered for funding under TJGP. As at 24 July 2014, 20 projects have been approved.
2. The formal transfer of the Australian Government Innovation and Investment Fund (\$11.0 million) and the Australian Government Regional Tourism Package (\$4.5 million) from TJGP to the Department of Industry and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade respectively occurred in the 2014-15 Budget. Following these transfers the TJGP funding amount is now \$91.0 million.
3. As at 18 June 2014, 20 projects remained uncontracted.
4. Based on the information provided by the proponent, the Department undertakes an assessment of the proposal against assessment criteria outlined in the programme guidelines. As part of this assessment, the Department may also engage independent professional assistance to undertake an assessment of viability and sustainability of the project and proponent.
On completion of the assessment, a recommendation is provided to the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development on the merits of the project and whether the project represents a proper use of Commonwealth resources. If approved, funding proponents will enter into a Funding Agreement with the Australian Government to deliver the project and the Department makes payments in accordance with the requirements of the Funding Agreement.
5. Completion of the assessment is dependent on the nature, extent and timing of information provided by the proponent.
Proponents had until 20 June 2014 to provide project information to the Department.
There are three full time staff assigned to the programme.
6. As per response to question 4.
7. Funding for projects are decided by the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development based on advice provided by the Department.
8. The Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

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Question no.: 159

Program: Community Development Grants Programme

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Community Development Grants Programme

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Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. How did the Government make its decisions on which projects would be included in round 1 of the CDGs?
2. Why were the projects included in round 1 of the CDGs given priority?
3. Can the Department confirm if formal contracts have been signed by round 1 proponents of the CDGs?
4. Who was responsible for making those decisions, was it Minister Truss or Minister Briggs?

Answer:

1. Project selected for consideration under the Community Development Grants (CDG) Programme were a decision of Government.
2. There are no rounds under CDG.
3. As at 20 June 2014, there were 84 projects with executed funding agreements.
4. The Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

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Question no.: 160

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Oakajee Project (WA)

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. What is the funding profile for the \$339M of Commonwealth funds towards this project for each of the following years
 - a. 2013/14
 - b. 2014/15,
 - c. 2015/16,
 - d. 2016/17,
 - e. 2017/18
 - f. 2018/19
 - g. later years?
2. Please indicate what is the status of WA Government funding for this project.

Answer:

1. In the 2013-14 Budget, the Australian Government deferred its equity funding of \$339 million from 2012-13 to 2016-17, to align with the Western Australian Government commitment.
2. The Western Australian Government is expected to match the Australian Government commitment of \$339 million in 2016-17.

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Question no.: 161

Programme: Programme 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Main Road St Albans Grade Separation Project (Vic)

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. How is this project being funded? Are there savings from other projects being allocated to this project?
2. If so,
 - a. What size are the savings?
 - b. Where are the savings being made?

Answer:

As requested by the Victorian Government, \$319 million in Australian Government funding on the Regional Rail Link project have been allocated to priority projects within the Victorian Infrastructure Investment Programme, including the St Albans rail grade separation.

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Question no.: 162

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Milestone Payments

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

I refer to the Assistant Minister Briggs' speech to the Australian Automobile Association on March 25 2014 in which he said the following with respect to aligning payments to the States with project milestones:

"...we are already working with state governments to develop agreements whereby commonwealth funding will be paid upon projects being built or key milestones being achieved. The Treasurer has also indicated states will need to use funding or lose specific allocations in the future as well as an audit of state government infrastructure spending".

1. Can you indicate progress on this issue, and how this commitment will be delivered in a transparent manner?
2. What new steps is the Department taking to uphold the Assistant Minister's commitment?

Answer:

The draft National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure projects, which is currently with states and territories for consideration, requires that funding will be provided upon the achievement of agreed project milestones.

The Department's project management processes, underpinned by the Notes on Administration document, a subordinate document to the National Partnership Agreement, establish the framework for consideration of projects for funding approval and the administrative processes that will be applied to approved projects.

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Question no.: 163

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: East West Link 1

Proof Hansard Page: 110 (26 May 2014)

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: Before we do that I have one question from Victoria. I just wanted to confirm that the Victorian government has not provided the full business plan for East West Link 1 yet. You indicated earlier that you were still at the iteration phase. Is that correct?

Mr Fitzgerald: That is right. Infrastructure Australia has not received the full business case.

Senator CONROY: Mr Mrdak, is that consistent with your understanding? I know it is an election commitment. I get that, but have you seen the full business case?

Mr Mrdak: I will check with my officers. I think Mr Fitzgerald's advice is correct.

Senator CONROY: So if Mr Napthine in a press conference this afternoon said that you have got the full business case, who would be wrong?

Mr Mrdak: I will check on that with the officers. I will come back to you this evening.

Mr Foulds: The government has seen the east-west stage 1 on the eastern section of the business case. We do not have a business case for east-west 2.

Senator CONROY: I accept that, but the business case that has been sighted is not the full business case that has been indicated by Infrastructure Australia and Mr Mrdak.

Mr Foulds: As I understand it Infrastructure Australia has a version of the business case.

Senator CONROY: Yes, but not the final business case?

Mr Foulds: I do not believe so.

Answer:

The Department has seen the business case for the Eastern Section of the East West Link. It has not seen a full business case for the Western Section, but received a summary in April 2014.

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Question no.: 164

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: CEO Selection Process

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. Assuming the Bill were passed, what process is envisaged for appointment of the new IA CEO?
2. Will that be an open process?
3. Will the Minister oppose the Board implementing an open process? Does the Minister expect this?

Answer:

On Thursday, 26 June 2014, the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 was passed through Parliament. The new entity will come into effect following Royal Assent. The new entity's governance arrangements will begin on a date set by proclamation.

In accordance with section 29 of the legislation, the Chief Executive Officer is to be appointed by the Board of Infrastructure Australia by written instrument. Therefore, the Board has responsibility to undertake an appropriate recruitment process to find and appoint a suitably qualified person for the position of the Chief Executive Officer.

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Program: The Asset Recycling Initiative

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Asset Recycling Fund

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Has the Department met or had any correspondence with any WA minister or agency to discuss which assets may be sold off for the Asset Recycling Fund program? If so, when, and which WA assets were discussed?

Answer:

Negotiations on any assets to be sold as part of the Asset Recycling Fund are primarily the responsibility of the Treasurer and the Treasury portfolio. The Department has not held any meetings nor exchanged any correspondence with the Western Australian Government or agencies with the purpose of discussing assets that could fall under the Asset Recycling Fund programme.

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Question no.: 166

Program: Infrastructure Investment Programme
Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment
Topic: Interim Productivity Commission on Public Infrastructure
Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

You would be aware that a key point is that processes surrounding project selection need to be improved:

Draft PC report (released March 13) –

“The overriding message of this draft report is the need for a comprehensive overhaul of processes in the assessment and development of public infrastructure projects.

“There are numerous examples of poor value for money arising from inadequate project selection.

“Without reform, more spending will simply increase the cost to users, taxpayers, the community generally, and the provision of wasteful infrastructure”.

Can you advise on how specific processes around new project selection in the 2014-5 Budget have improved, including for specific projects in the “Growth Package”:

1. Problem identification
2. Consideration of options
3. Evaluation of alternatives
4. Consideration of cost-benefit
5. Assessment of business case
6. Assessment of financing options

Answer:

To inform Government decisions about project selection and investment the Department has in place robust project proposal assessment processes, including consideration of cost-benefit analysis, risk analysis, potential alternatives and options for financing, which are taken into account when providing advice on projects to be funded through the Infrastructure Investment Programme. This includes projects announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

The Government continues to work to strengthen its project identification and assessment processes, including through its reforms to Infrastructure Australia which includes the audit currently being undertaken by Infrastructure Australia and the proposed 15 year plan which will further inform Government.

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Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: IA Chairman

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

1. Can you advise if the newly appointed Chairman of Infrastructure Australia is being remunerated?
If yes, how much is Mr Birrell being paid?
2. Can you advise if the former Chairman was remunerated?

Answer:

1. The Chair of Infrastructure Australia is remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal's *Determination 2014/03: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*.
2. The former Chair of Infrastructure Australia was remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal's *Determination 2014/03: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*.

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Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment

Topic: New IA Board

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

The proposed Bill will replace the existing IA Council with a newly constituted IA Board.

1. Will this change incur additional costs? If yes, how much more?
2. If more, why additional costs with no extra positions proposed for the Board than the Council?
3. Are IA Council members paid?
4. Will the new Board members be paid?
5. Do you expect changes in Board remuneration against Council remuneration?
6. How much have you budgeted for this?

Answer:

1. The changes to the IA Board are currently being finalised.
2. The changes to the IA Board are currently being finalised.
3. Set by Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2014/03 Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office.
4. Set by Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2014/03 Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office.
5. The changes to the IA Board are currently being finalised.
6. The changes to the IA Board are currently being finalised.