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* 3295 ROADS—DEPARTMENT LIAISON OFFICERS—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Since 1 June 2024, how many Transport for NSW staff have been seconded to your office?
 - (a) Of these, how many have subsequently returned to a substantive role with Transport for NSW?
- (2) Since 1 June 2024, how many departmental liaison officers have worked in your office?
 - (b) Of these, how many have subsequently returned to a substantive role with Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Since 1 June 2024, one Transport for NSW staff member has been seconded to my office in accordance with Clause 35 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014. The staff member has returned to Transport for NSW.
 - (2) Since 1 June 2024, nine Transport for NSW staff members have been assigned to three Department Liaison Officer roles at various points in time. This number includes staff assigned on a short term basis to cover periods of leave. Of these nine staff, six have returned to Transport for NSW.
- * 3296 TRANSPORT—ACCESSIBLE SUBURBAN, INTERCITY, METRO AND REGIONAL STATIONS—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism representing the Minister for Transport—
- (1) How many suburban stations are classified as:
 - (a) independently accessible?
 - (b) assisted access?
 - (c) not accessible?
 - (2) How many intercity stations are classified as:
 - (a) independently accessible?
 - (b) assisted access?
 - (c) not accessible?
 - (3) How many metro stations are classified as:
 - (a) independently accessible?
 - (b) assisted access?
 - (c) not accessible?
 - (4) How many regional stations are classified as:
 - (a) independently accessible?
 - (b) assisted access?
 - (c) not accessible?
 - (5) For each station type, i.e. suburban, intercity, metro and regional, what are the specific determinations for classifying a station as:
 - (a) independently accessible?

- (b) assisted access?
 - (c) not accessible?
- (6) Answers provided on notice from Budget Estimates Transport hearing on 3 September 2024 advised that following the completion of projects currently funded for delivery under the Safe Accessible Transport program, 75.2 per cent of suburban, intercity, metro and regional stations would be classified as Independently Accessible, 12.14 per cent as Assisted Access, and 12.66 per cent as Not Accessible. Could you please provide a breakdown of those expected to be classified as Independently Accessible, Assisted Access and Not Accessible, into each station type, i.e. suburban, intercity, metro and regional?
- (a) When are these currently funded projects expected to be completed by?
 - (b) Could you please provide a list of every station expected to be classified as either Assisted Access or Not Accessible?
- (7) Could you please provide an estimated timeline for when zero percent of suburban, intercity, metro and regional stations will be classified as Not Accessible?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The current classification of Sydney stations are:
- (a) 140 out of 160 stations are independently accessible (87.5%*)
 - (b) 6 require assisted access (3.75%*)
 - (c) 14 stations are not accessible (8.75%*)
- * The percentages exclude Sydney Metro stations and the stations closed under the Sydenham to Bankstown conversion (including Belmore, Campsie, Canterbury, Dulwich Hill, Hurlstone Park, Lakemba, Marrickville, Punchbowl and Wiley Park) (T3 - Sydenham to Bankstown Line), which are independently accessible.
- (2) The current classification of Intercity stations are:
- (a) 64 out of 129 stations are independently accessible (49.61%)
 - (b) 30 require assisted access (23.26%)
 - (c) 35 stations are not accessible (27.13%)
- (3) All Sydney Metro stations are fully compliant with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport and are independently accessible. This includes all stations on the operational M1 Metro North West and Bankstown Line (Chatswood to Sydenham), as well as the Southwest, Western Sydney Airport and West projects, which are under construction.
- (4) The current classification of Regional stations are:
- (a) 49 out of 64 stations are independently accessible (76.56%)
 - (b) 12 require assisted access (18.74%)
 - (c) 3 stations are not accessible (4.7%)
- (5) For each station type, the specific determinations for classifying a station are as follows:
- (a) Independent access: Customers can independently access all platforms/wharves and travel between platforms/wharves via accessible paths, ramps or lifts without using stairs. Deployable ramps on the station platforms by the station staff or train guards are still required for this category of train stations.
 - (b) Assisted access: Customers may require assistance from a carer or companion to access all platforms/wharves or travel between platforms/wharves, as they may have steep ramps or a rail level crossing.
 - (c) Not accessible: Customers are required to use stairs to access platforms/wharves or between platforms/wharves.

- (6) The table below is an indicative summary of network accessibility following completion of projects funded under the Safe Accessible Transport program, through to late 2027.

Train Network	Assisted Access	Independent Access	Not Accessible	Total
Intercity	28	66	35	129
Regional	12	49	3	64
Sydney	6	144	10	160
Total	46	259	48	353

- (a) Estimated project completion dates for projects funded for delivery are published on the Safe Accessible Transport program webpage.
- (b) The table below captures the list of stations classified as Assisted Access and Not Accessible following the completion of projects currently funded for delivery under the Safe Accessible Transport program.

All Sydney Metro stations are fully compliant with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport and are independently accessible. This includes all stations on the operational M1 Metro North West and Bankstown Line (Chatswood to Sydenham), as well as the Southwest, Western Sydney Airport and West projects which are currently under construction.

Station	Network	Wheelchair accessibility post current Safe Accessible Transport tranche
Albion Park	Intercity	Assisted Access
Asquith	Sydney	Assisted Access
Austinmer	Intercity	Assisted Access
Awaba	Intercity	Not Accessible
Bargo	Intercity	Assisted Access
Bell	Intercity	Assisted Access
Blaxland	Intercity	Assisted Access
Booragul	Intercity	Not Accessible
Branxton	Intercity	Not Accessible
Bullaburra	Intercity	Not Accessible
Bundanoon	Intercity	Assisted Access
Burradoo	Intercity	Assisted access
Carramar	Sydney	Not Accessible
Clarendon	Sydney	Assisted Access
Clyde	Sydney	Not Accessible
Coalecliff	Intercity	Not Accessible
Cockle Creek	Intercity	Not Accessible
Coledale	Intercity	Not Accessible
Coniston	Intercity	Not Accessible
Coolamon	Regional	Assisted Access
Corrimal	Intercity	Assisted Access
Cowan	Intercity	Assisted Access
Cringila	Intercity	Not Accessible
Darnick	Regional	Not Accessible
Dora Creek	Intercity	Not Accessible
Douglas Park	Intercity	Assisted Access
Dungog	Intercity	Assisted Access

East Maitland	Intercity	Not Accessible
Euabalong West	Regional	Not Accessible
Exeter	Intercity	Assisted Access
Geurie	Regional	Assisted Access
Gloucester	Regional	Assisted Access
Greta	Intercity	Not Accessible
Gunning	Regional	Assisted Access
Hamilton	Intercity	Assisted access
Harden	Regional	Assisted Access
Hexham	Intercity	Not Accessible
High Street	Intercity	Not Accessible
Hilldale	Intercity	Assisted Access
Homebush Platforms 3 & 4 only	Sydney	Not Accessible
Koolewong	Intercity	Assisted Access
Kotara	Intercity	Not Accessible
Lawson	Intercity	Not Accessible
Leightonfield	Sydney	Not Accessible
Linden	Intercity	Not Accessible
Lochinvar	Intercity	Assisted Access
Loftus	Sydney	Assisted Access
Lysaghts	Intercity	Not Accessible
Macdonaldtown	Sydney	Not Accessible
Marulan	Intercity	Assisted Access
Menangle	Intercity	Assisted Access
Menangle Park	Intercity	Assisted Access
Menindee	Regional	Not Accessible
Mindaribba	Intercity	Assisted Access
Mount Kuring-gai	Sydney	Not Accessible
Mount Victoria	Intercity	Not Accessible
Moree	Regional	Assisted Access
Mulgrave	Sydney	Assisted Access
Narrandera	Regional	Assisted Access
Otford	Intercity	Not Accessible
Paterson	Intercity	Not Accessible
Penrose	Intercity	Assisted Access
Port Kembla North	Intercity	Not Accessible
Redfern Platforms 11 & 12 only	Sydney	Not Accessible
Riverstone	Sydney	Assisted Access
Rydal	Regional	Assisted Access
Sandgate	Intercity	Not Accessible
Scarborough	Intercity	Not Accessible
Stanwell Park	Intercity	Not Accessible
Tahmoor	Intercity	Assisted Access
Taliong	Intercity	Not Accessible

Tarago	Regional	Assisted Access
Tarro	Intercity	Not Accessible
Tascott	Intercity	Not Accessible
Tempe	Sydney	Not Accessible
Teralba	Intercity	Not Accessible
The Rock	Regional	Assisted Access
Valley Heights	Intercity	Not Accessible
Villawood	Sydney	Not Accessible
Vineyard	Sydney	Assisted Access
Walcha Road	Regional	Assisted Access
Warabrook	Intercity	Assisted Access
Warnervale	Intercity	Assisted Access
Warrimoo	Intercity	Not Accessible
Wingello	Intercity	Assisted Access
Wirragulla	Intercity	Assisted Access
Wombarra	Intercity	Not Accessible
Wondabyne	Intercity	Not Accessible
Woodford	Intercity	Not Accessible
Woonona	Intercity	Assisted Access
Yass Junction	Regional	Assisted access
Yennora	Sydney	Not Accessible
Yerrinbool	Intercity	Assisted Access
Zig Zag	Intercity	Not Accessible

- (7) The NSW Government reaffirmed its commitment to providing accessible public transport infrastructure by announcing the Safe Accessible Transport program on 12 February 2024. As part of the 2024-25 NSW Budget, \$547.5 million was allocated over four years.

Stations currently classified as 'not accessible' and funded for delivery under the Safe Accessible Transport program are Tuggerah, Moss Vale, Queanbeyan, Griffith, Bardwell Park, Chester Hill, Macquarie Fields and Lewisham. All eight stations are due to be progressively completed between 2025 and 2027. Concept design development is also progressing for a further eight stations classified as 'not accessible': Macdonaldtown, Lawson, Woodford, Mount Victoria, Coniston, Cockle Creek, Kotara and Tascott.

Transport for NSW remains committed to delivering accessibility outcomes for its passengers and is finalising a strategy to inform the prioritisation and management of existing and emerging compliance requirements related to the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport.

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3382 ENERGY—EV-FRIENDLY ROAD TRIPS—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) For each of the following nine Electric Vehicle (EV) friendly road trips announced on 16 February 2025, how many accessible charging stations are there out of the total charging stations along each trip:
- [Central Coast and Hunter Valley?](#)
 - [Grand Pacific Drive?](#)
 - [Greater Blue Mountains Drive?](#)

- (d) [Southern Highlands to the South Coast?](#)
 - (e) [Kosciuszko Alpine Way?](#)
 - (f) [Southern Tablelands?](#)
 - (g) [Classic Country?](#)
 - (h) [Legendary Pacific Coast?](#)
 - (i) [Sydney to Melbourne Coastal Drive?](#)
- (2) On the Visit NSW website, www.visitnsw.com/evroadtrips, why is there not a section about, or option to filter for, the accessibility levels of public charging stations?
- (a) Will you consider including a drop down filter on the destination map to show the accessibility levels of public charging stations, to assist disabled EV users with finding accessible charging stations?

3383 TRANSPORT—EPPING TRAIN STATION LIFT—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many times has the lift on the Beecroft Road side of Epping train station broken down since 1 April 2023?
- (2) On 10 May 2024, the Member for Bennelong, Mr Jerome Laxale MP stated that replacement doors and a motor were being ordered, urgently air freighted and installed in June at the Epping train station. It has been nearly seven months since this statement. Have these works been carried out?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what is the cause for the recurring breakdown of the lift?
- (3) What funding is available for the maintenance of the lift?
- (4) Is there a plan to replace the lift?
 - (a) If so, when will the replacement lift be operative?

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