

The Hon John Graham MLC

Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts,
Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, Minister for Jobs and Tourism,
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council



Ref: SQWA

Re: SQWA – RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Question asked on 20 November 2024
Answer due on 21 November 2024

The Hon. Sarah MITCHELL, to 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 Regional Transport and Roads

This morning Transport for NSW advised that from today there will be service reductions and cancelled services on the intercity network due to protected industrial action due primarily to the ban restricting the number of kilometres train crew can work per day. How many services will be cancelled? What will be the gap in the number of passengers who would normally travel by train and those that can be accommodated on substitute buses?

ANSWER

I am advised

The number of cancelled services that will be disrupted due to protected industrial action is not presently known. The degree of service degradation will depend on whether industrial actions remain in force, together with their duration.

The community will be updated as regularly as possible concerning service alterations and cancellation.

The gap between projected train travel and substitute bus patronage is not known.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Graham".

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Re: SQWA - Commonwealth NSW Cities Deal

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Answer due on 21 November 2024

Hon. Mark Latham asked the Deputy Leader of the Government

Will the Government examine all the documents from the Commonwealth New South Wales Cities deal 2016-2018 to establish the means by which Stuart Ayres secured \$15 billion dollars in public funding for the St Mary's Metro line, knowing it's benefit costs outcome would be inferior to the Leppington line extension and deliver a Metro station for Celestino on its vacant Luddenham land, facilitating the means by which the company would then lobby the NSW Government to turn their Science Park proposal into another Western Sydney housing estate with 30,000 dwellings which to now square the circle Mr Ayres now publicly supports as the head of NSW UDIA?

ANSWER

I am advised

The former NSW and former Australian Governments jointly committed \$11 billion to the delivery of Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport in 2020.

The Government expects all relevant agencies to cooperate with the Public Accountability and Works Committee inquiry into Western Sydney Science Park and Aerotropolis developments or any other inquiry undertaken by the Parliament. We will continue to observe the committee's work.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE

RAIL, TRAM, AND BUS UNION (RTBU) PROTECTED INDUSTRIAL ACTION

QUESTION:

On 20 November 2024, the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC asked the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage, the following supplementary question for written response:

My supplementary question for written answer is to the leader of the Government:

- 1. Minister, what is the estimated total cost to the NSW economy of the current protected industrial actions by the RTBU between today and the 1st of January 2025?*
- 2. Will the Government make an application to the Fair Work Commission under section 424 for an order to stop these actions and protect the NSW economy?*

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The total cost of the planned protected industrial action has not been identified.

The Government is committed to achieving a fair and reasonable outcome to this matter as quickly as possible, and will continue to bargain in good faith with the Combined Rail Unions.

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