

Division/Agency: 1a: Infrastructure Investment Division; 1b: COVID Aviation Issues Management and COVID Aviation Response Programs Divisions; 1c: Data Analytics and Policy Division, Department of Infrastructure Transport Regional Development and Communications

Inquiry: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Topic: Payments made under COVID-19

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Senator Katy Gallagher asked:

1. How much has been spent/paid out to date on the following measures:

- a. Infrastructure stimulus – split into:
 - i. shovel ready priority projects
 - ii. road safety works
 - iii. Western Sydney Rail
 - iv. other priorities
- b. Aviation support
- c. Relief and recovery fund, split into its constituent measures

Answer:

1a. - i and ii.

The Shovel Ready program and Targeted Road Safety Works package were announced on 15 June. No funding on the Shovel Ready program and Targeted Road Safety Works package has been expended as at the 2020-21 Budget. There are a number of ongoing projects that received additional funding from the Shovel Ready announcements that have received payments for work completed to date.

The Department continues to finalise project details with state and territory governments, and local councils. Consistent with standard arrangements under the Infrastructure Investment Program, states and territories will claim payments from the Australian Government once construction milestones are met.

All stimulus projects announced earlier this year (including Targeted Road Safety Works and Shovel Ready Projects) are on track to commence construction in this financial year (2020-21).

Currently, 14 stimulus projects announced in June 2020 have already started construction and the Coates Gully Bridge on the Great Eastern Highway in Western Australia has completed construction.

1a. - iii

Payments for Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport will be made on milestones, once the payments schedule is finalised with the NSW Government. Work on the project is due to commence before the end of the year. (On 1 June 2020 an additional \$1.75 billion was announced for the project)

1a - iv.

Payments made to date for Other IIP priorities included in the July Economic and Fiscal Update.

- \$10.5 million for the Commuter Car Park Upgrades – Croydon
- \$0.6 million for the Commuter Car Park Upgrade - Sandringham Line - North Brighton

1b.

Table below details the amounts spent/paid to 31 August 2020 for the COVID-19 Response Package - aviation support by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

COVID-19 Response Package - aviation support					
Package / Program	2019-20 \$m	2020-21 \$m	2021-22 \$m	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m
Aviation Services					
Domestic Aviation Network Support program (DANS)	\$122.7 (a)	\$0.916	-	-	-
International Aviation Network	\$116.0	-\$1.8 (b)	-	-	-
Aviation Subsidies					
Australian Airline Financial Relief Package (AAFRP)	\$305.2	\$194.9	-	-	-

Notes:

(a) Includes accounting adjustments of \$30.8m.

(b) Relates to program finalisation, including true up of freight yields.

1c.

Table below details the amounts spent/paid to 31 August 2020 for the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

COVID-19 Response Package - 19 Relief and Recovery Fund					
Package / Program	2019-20 \$m	2020-21 \$m	2021-22 \$m	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m
Regional Airlines Funding Assistance Program (RAFA)	\$52.3	\$15.2			
Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) Program	\$27.3	\$3.5			
Support Act – Crisis Relief to Artists, Crew and Music Workers	\$10.0	-			
Regional Arts Fund Boost	\$10.0	-			
Support for Indigenous Visual Arts Centres	\$3.5	\$3.5			