

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**  
**ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications**

**Division/Agency:** Infrastructure Investment  
**Inquiry:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19  
**Topic:** Sydney Metro  
**Question Type:** 29-30 (6 August 2020)

**Senator Kristina Keneally asked:**

**Senator KENEALLY:** While we're on this subject, looking at the figures in the recent budget update, it says that government will provide an additional \$1.9 billion, including \$1.8 billion for Sydney Metro. So is the figure \$1.8 billion or \$1.75 billion for the Western Sydney Airport rail project?

**Mr Smith:** It's \$1.75 billion. I assume that is just rounded in the figures to \$1.8.

**Senator KENEALLY:** Okay. Sorry, I'm going off the actual update itself. So the \$1.8 billion—the now \$1.75 billion—is part of \$1.9 billion towards other infrastructure priorities. What's the rest of the \$125 million for? It's in the COVID-19 response package, pages 152 and 153.

**Mr Atkinson:** It's in the measure description. Senator, could we have a look and come back to you on that?

**CHAIR:** Senator Keneally, you may not be able to see, but we've got a lot of people flipping through folders here.

**Senator KENEALLY:** That's fine, if they can come back to us on that. I will follow that up.

**Mr Atkinson:** We'll come back during the session with that answer.

**Senator KENEALLY:** Thank you.

**Answer:**

Other Infrastructure Priorities - Additional / New Funding Measures						
State	Projects	2020-21 (\$m)	2021-22 (\$m)	2022-23 (\$m)	2023-24 (\$m)	FE's (\$m)
NSW	(IIP) Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport Rail Project	700	550	500		1,750.0
QLD	Mt Lindesay Highway - Stony Camp Road to Chambers Flat Road			7.5		7.5
QLD	Bruce Highway - Gateway Motorway to Dohles Rocks Road	3.3	4.8	5.6	5.6	19.3
QLD	Warrego Highway - Brimblecombe Road intersection upgrade	2.2				2.2
SA	Goodwood, Springbank and Daws Road Intersection Upgrade	5	5	3.2		13.2
VIC	Calder Highway - Overtaking Lane at Hattah	1.3	1.4	1.1		3.9
VIC	Commuter Car Park Upgrade - Sandringham Line - Elsternwick			2.6		2.6
VIC	Commuter Car Park Upgrade - Sandringham Line - North Brighton	1.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	4.3
VIC	Commuter Car Park Upgrades - Bentleigh			5.1		5.1
VIC	Commuter Car Park Upgrades - Croydon			3		3
VIC	Princes Highway Corridor - Victoria (East) - McEacharn St, Bairnsdale - Intersection Upgrade	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	7.8
VIC	Princes Highway Corridor - Victoria (East) - Rosedale to NSW Border	18.3	15.8	5.7	2.7	42.5
VIC	Princes Highway Corridor - Victoria (West) - Warrnambool to Port Fairy	2.7	2.8	0.8	0.3	6.6
WA	Hale Road - Woolworths Drive Intersection Upgrade	0.4				0.4
WA	Platform and Signalling Upgrade Program Business Case	5	5	0.5		10.5
WA	Trackless tram and road infrastructure feasibility (Scarborough Beach Road) business case	1	1			2
	<b>Sub-Total - Other IIP</b>	<b>742.9</b>	<b>588.7</b>	<b>537.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>1,880.7</b>

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**Topic:** Job Analysis for Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport

**Question Type:** 50 (6 August 2020)

**Senator Janet Rice asked:**

**Senator RICE:** You talked about one of the criteria being shovel ready—getting the projects underway—but you also said that the Sydney Metro project is at very early stages, and we haven't got business case as yet. How does that fit into those criteria?

**Mr Smith:** We're forecasting that we'll spend—and I read out the forecast expenditure earlier—\$700 million worth of expenditure this financial year. There are a lot of preparatory works that need to take place before you start laying down steel, and that's part of that expenditure.

**Senator RICE:** Have you done a jobs analysis of that in terms of the projects that are being funded? That's a big chunk of the money in terms of how many jobs are going to come from investing that level of money.

**Mr Smith:** The Western Sydney Airport rail link will support 14,000 jobs over the life of the project.

**Senator RICE:** I'm talking about in the immediate term, given the economic stimulus to deal with COVID and post COVID.

**Mr Smith:** I don't have the breakdown year by year for that project.

**Senator RICE:** I would appreciate it if you could you provide on notice whatever information you've got, in as much granular detail as you've got, of the jobs per project.

**Mr Smith:** Yes.

**Answer:**

The estimate of 14,000 jobs over the construction period was provided by the NSW Sydney Metro Authority as the Authority responsible for the construction of the project. The Department does not hold year by year estimates and these will change as the contracting strategy is finalised. Sydney Metro Authority has, however, advised the Department that the workforce is estimated to build from around 1,600 jobs in the first year of major construction to just over 4,000 jobs in the peak year (2024-25). The estimate is based on fulltime equivalent jobs per annum.