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Topic: Badgery's Creek Rail Link

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Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:

Senator GALLACHER: What funding is the Commonwealth aware of that New South Wales may be spending on the rail link?

Mr Mrdak: On the Badgerys Creek rail link? I would need to take that on notice. They have committed to a planning corridor reservation process but I am not familiar with how much funding has been allocated to that.

Answer:

The New South Wales Government conducted a first stage of public consultation on the South West Rail Link extension to Badgerys Creek between 28 April and 6 June 2014.

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Topic: Badgerys Creek Airport

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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

1. Will Badgerys Creek Airport have a curfew? May I have details of mooted curfews please?
2. The Joint Study into Aviation Needs in the Sydney Region recommended on page 4 that if Badgerys Creek was given the go-ahead, 'work should begin immediately to update the Environmental Impact Study...'
 - a. Is that recommendation going to be acted on, and if so what is the expected completion date for the EIS update?
3. The Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (the owner of Sydney Airport) has the first option on agreeing to build an airport at Badgerys Creek. How long does it have to make up its mind about whether it will take up that option?
4. If SACL does decide to take up that option, are there any conditions setting out a timeline for the development of Badgerys Creek airport?

Answer:

1. An airport at Badgerys Creek has always been planned to operate without a curfew. New South Wales planning restrictions have been in place around the airport site for nearly 30 years and have precluded incompatible developments around the airport site.
2. The Government is currently reviewing the existing environmental approval granted in 1999 and will consider what elements should be updated prior to construction commencing.
3. Timeframes regarding Southern Cross Airports Corporation's (SCAC) option to exercise its right of first refusal to develop and operate the second Sydney airport, as set out in the 2002 Sydney Airports Corporation Limited Share Sale Agreement, are protected under privacy of contract.
4. The Commonwealth would set any conditions on the development of the airport including timelines. Such conditions would be considered following consultation with the lease holder of Sydney (Kingsford Smith Airport) under the right of first refusal clause of the 2002 Share Sale Agreement.