

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates May 2013

**Infrastructure and Transport**

**Question no.:** 52

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Bruce Highway

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 15 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Macdonald asked:**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** But the announcement made on 24 April indicated that the \$4.1 billion would be spent and it particularly mentioned a great number of projects, all of which are important. As a regular user of the Bruce Highway I look forward to them all. But I really would like to know what amount of money has been allocated to each of those particular road projects that were adverted to in the announcement of 24 April. For example, the Yeppen South floodplain upgrade—how much money is allocated to that?

**Mr Mrdak:** At this stage, while we have some indicative estimates, the minister has yet to finalise the program.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** Can you give us the indicative estimate then?

**Mr Mrdak:** I would have to take that on notice, Senator. I think in the absence of the minister settling the program I am not in a position to provide those numbers, I am sorry.

**Answer:**

The Australian Government has committed up to \$236.0 million, or 80% of the project cost, for the Yeppen Floodplain Upgrade subject to the Queensland Government providing the remaining 20%.

The funding cash profiles for remaining projects identified in the Australian Government's \$4.1 billion Bruce Highway announcement of 24 April 2013, are still to be negotiated with the Queensland Government.

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**Question no.:** 53

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Bolivia Hill project

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 34 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Williams asked:**

**Senator WILLIAMS:** Thanks, Senator Nash. What is the total cost of that project for Bolivia Hill, Mr Mrdak?

**Mr Mrdak:** I will just check with my colleagues.

**Senator NASH:** You did not have the individual financial year breakdown. We have only figures 2 and 3.

**Ms O'Connell:** Again, it is in New South Wales?

**Mr Mrdak:** It is a New South Wales project, so we do not have the put in from the minister. I can take those on notice and provide those when the minister has completed the schedules.

**Answer:**

In the 2013-14 Federal Budget, up to \$80.0 million was committed for this project. The funding split provided to NSW is \$70.0 million (2014-15 to 2018-19) and \$10 million (2019-20 to 2023-24).

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**Question no.:** 54

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** New England Highway

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 37 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Williams asked:**

**Senator NASH:** No, that is incorrect. Senator Williams was asking why on the same highway—the New England Highway—the split 80-20 at one end 50-50 at the other if it is the same road.

**Senator WILLIAMS:** Yes.

**Senator Thistlethwaite:** I will take that on notice and get an answer for you.

**Answer:**

The Australian Government decided the funding splits for projects.

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**Question no.:** 55

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Heavy vehicle movements

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 48 (29/05/2013)

**Chair asked:**

**CHAIR:** Long overdue. Just at hand, out of curiosity, do you have the heavy vehicle movements per week or per month available?

**Mr Pittar:** I do not have those figures with me at hand, but we can take that on notice if you would like.

**CHAIR:** Yes, if you could, please. I think it would be handy.

**Answer:**

Western Australia has provided daily traffic count information for the Great Northern Highway between Midland and Muchea as part of its Swan Valley Bypass Nation Building Program submission. The figures are based on 2008 traffic data.

For the section north of Reid Highway, total vehicles per day are approximately 16,000 with 3,040 heavy vehicles (19 per cent). For the section at West Swan Road, total vehicles per day are approximately 15,000 with 2,400 heavy vehicles (16 per cent). At the Rutland Road section, total vehicles per day are approximately 8,000 with 1,600 heavy vehicles (20 per cent).

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**Question no.:** 56

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** North-south corridor planning study

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 51 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** You referenced planning previously, and the state government has previously been provided with funding, I think to the tune of \$70 million, for a planning study for the north-south corridor. Is that correct?

**Mr Pittar:** There were a number of planning studies as part of that overall funding. The north-south corridor development plan was one of a number of studies undertaken.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** What was the funding specific to the north-south corridor?

**Mr Pittar:** The Australian government contribution to the north-south corridor development plan was \$4.4 million towards a \$5.5 million overall cost.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Has that study been released?

**Mr Pittar:** That study has not been released at this stage.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** When will that study be released?

**Mr Pittar:** That is a matter for the South Australian government.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** The Commonwealth paid \$4.4 out of the \$5.5 million for it. I would have thought it would be a matter of interest for the Commonwealth government.

**Mr Pittar:** It is a matter for both governments, but the South Australian government has not at this stage released that document. It is being used to inform some of the work that is being committed to under the Nation Building 2 program.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** When was that study completed?

**Mr Pittar:** I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Was it this year? Last year? I am not looking for a specific date necessarily but an indicative time line.

**Mr Pittar:** I would not want to hazard a guess.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** When was it funded?

**Mr Pittar:** I do not have a funding profile in front of me. I will have to take that on notice.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Again, do you have any knowledge of whether it was this year or last year, in terms of the \$4.4 million that was provided?

**Mr Pittar:** I do not have that information with me.

**Mr Mrdak:** We will check now and get that information to you, Senator.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Yes, if you could, it would be useful to know when that study was completed. Is it within the domain of the Commonwealth government to release that study? Is there any reason that study needs to be kept under wraps?

**Mr Pittar:** I think the release or otherwise of that report relates to potential construction. Thinking around what will actually be delivered and what the impacts on the ground will be really will come through in the detailed design and planning stage for upgrades of South Road. The South Australian government engages, as do other state and territory governments, when they are moving into a phase of detailed design prior to construction, in significant community consultation. So there will be close engagement with the community by the South Australian government in the design details of South Road.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** I am pleased to hear that. I think the question was about the release of the report, though. Would the Commonwealth have any objections to the release of the planning study?

**Mr Mrdak:** Perhaps I can expedite this and say that I will take it on notice and come back to you. I think at this stage we do not see an in-principle issue. We would need to talk to the South Australian government and come back to you as quickly as we can on the scope for release of the report and when that would happen.

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**Answer:**

The response to this question was provided by Mr Mrdak on page 110 of the Senate Hansard:

*Mr Mrdak: Senator Birmingham and Senator Edwards earlier today asked the department some questions in relation to the planning report on South Road. I could respond to that while Senator Edwards is here. I am advised that, as we discussed earlier today, the study was completed in December 2011. The report has not been published or made publically available. That is a decision for the South Australian government. In relation to the questions asked today, we will go back to the South Australian government to seek their views in relation to the release of the report further. I am advised that the study did not prioritise individual sections of South Road for construction. The study identified options for the upgrade of the South Road between the Port River Expressway and the Southern Expressway. It looked at a whole range of options for overall upgrades, including online upgrades of the existing South Road corridor together with potential alternate corridors, and it examined a mix of surface level, below ground and viaduct options. The study, as I said earlier, did not identify a preferred segment for upgrade over others. It is subsequent that the South Australian government identified the South Road, Torrens Road to River Torrens section as their highest priority on the corridor, with their preparedness to co-fund the project.*

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**Question no.:** 57

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Darlington project

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 52 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Has the South Australian government previously submitted an application relating to the Darlington project?

**Mr Pittar:** Do you mean the Darlington construction?

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Yes.

**Mr Pittar:** I will have to take that on notice. I am not sure of the answer to that one.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** If you are able to get an answer on that quickly, that would be helpful.

**Mr Jagers:** We would also probably need to check with Infrastructure Australia as well, to see if they have received anything. But certainly moving towards decisions around Nation Building 2, there were no applications made in relation to that project.

**Answer:**

In 2009-10, the South Australian Government provided a submission to Infrastructure Australia regarding the Darlington Transport Project.

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**Question no.:** 58

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** North-south corridor – next stages

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 52 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

**Senator BIRMINGHAM:** Did the planning study—the one that the Commonwealth gave \$4.4 million towards—make any firm recommendations as to what the next stages of the north-south corridor were?

**Mr Pittar:** We will need to take that on notice too.

**Answer:**

Refer to the answer to question number 56.



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**Question no.:** 59

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Stream 1 - RIF

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 56 (29/05/2013)

**Senator EDWARDS asked:**

**Senator EDWARDS:** Are you able to briefly, at some stage over the next couple of days, provide the details of why they were reprofiled? I am specifically looking at your revenue pressures and things like that.

**Mr Mrdak:** It is largely a result of project preparedness as they have proceeded on, rather than revenue at this stage, for the stream 1 projects, but we will take that on notice and come back to you.

**Senator EDWARDS:** In the next couple of days? Because the world falls off a cliff here in the next couple of months.

**Mr Mrdak:** We will try and get you an answer very quickly. I will just see what we have. Mr Jagers has got some further information now if you like.

**Answer:**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason for deferral</b>
New England Highway – Rail Level Crossing, Scone (Feasibility Study)	No funding deferred.
Gladstone Port Access Road - Stages 2 and 3	The funding was re-profiled to align with the expected agreed project milestone dates.
Mackay Ring Road Study	No funding deferred.
Peak Downs Highway Safety Works	The funding was re-profiled to align with the expected agreed project milestone dates.
Townsville Ring Road - Section 4 (Shaw Road to Mount Low)	The funding was re-profiled to align with the expected agreed project milestone dates.
Warrego Highway - Brisbane Valley Highway Interchange Upgrade	No funding deferred, although commencement of construction on the project was delayed.
Yeppen Lagoon Bridge and Roundabout	No funding deferred.
Gateway WA - Perth Airport and Freight Access	The funding was re-profiled to align with the proposed construction schedule.

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**Question no.:** 60

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** NT Government

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 57 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Macdonald asked:**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** Has no-one from the government indicated to the Northern Territory government that there is no way that the projects can commence before federal funding is available in 2016-17? Has that not been said?

**Mr Mrdak:** Not by my officers, but I am happy to take on notice whether there has been any other communication with the Northern Territory government. The two officers who handle my negotiation with the Northern Territory are at the table, and our answer would be that we have not made any such statement.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** You stand by that?

**Mr Mrdak:** I am happy to take on notice any other communications, and I will check that, but that is our position.

**Senator Thistlethwaite:** Perhaps, if you have some information that you believe is contrary, you could provide that and we could check on it, because it appears that—

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** Minister, I am conscious of what the chairman said earlier, that—

**ACTING CHAIR:** I am quite happy to forgo my time to—

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** No, Senator Sterle said you would come back and say something verbally. I am not doing that, as he suggested. But these transcripts are publicly available, and you can be assured that they are widely read by people from other governments. I am just giving you an opportunity to confirm or review the information given before, but, if you stand by it, so be it. That has answered my question.

**Senator Thistlethwaite:** The federal government cannot provide funding for projects when they do not know what the details of them are.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** Okay.

**Mr Mrdak:** Again, I will take on notice your question, but I and my officers are not aware of any such statement.

**Answer:**

There has been no advice provided to the Northern Territory that construction cannot commence on the Regional Roads Productivity Package projects before 2016-17.

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**Question no.:** 61

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Draft strategy

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 131 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Ludlam asked:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** One of the things that the draft strategy recommended was to separate pedestrians and bicycles from vehicles, particularly in high-speed and high-volume traffic. Mr Mrdak, we have sparred a couple of times about the fact that you cannot get Commonwealth funding for a bike lane unless you order a freeway. We have had differences of opinion over the merits of that. But sticking to the projects where freeways have been funded, cycling infrastructure has been laid in alongside. Are you able to provide us with some data for the projects that you have funded? There are 15 nation-building projects that include funding for cycling infrastructure and 13 of them are cycleways along highways and freeways. Could you confirm, of those 13, how many comply with the strategy's recommendation to completely separate cyclists from high-speed or high-volume motorised traffic?

**Mr Mrdak:** I would have to take that on notice. I am happy to do that.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Yes, if you could. What I am specifically wanting to know is: how many of them are like a painted dotted line by the side of the road and for how many are the cyclists completely separated from the motorised traffic?

**Mr Mrdak:** I will get you details of that.

**Senator LUDLAM:** If you could. Just break them down by those projects.

**Answer:**

There are 36 Nation Building projects with on-road lanes or separated cycle paths. The table below lists the projects with separated or segregated cycle paths.

<b>Projects with separated or segregated paths</b>
New Perth-Bunbury Highway (WA) – <i>also has an on-road cycle lane</i>
Great Eastern and Roe Highway interchange (WA)
Great Northern Highway, Port Hedland Improvements project (WA)
Gateway WA (WA) – <i>also has an on-road cycle lane</i>
Northern Expressway (SA)
Ipswich Motorway - Dinmore to Goodna (Qld)
Gateway Motorway North (Qld)
Pacific Motorway - South to Daisy Hill (Qld)
Banora Point deviation on the Pacific Highway (NSW)
Great Western Highway, Woodford to Hazelbrook (NSW)
Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls East (NSW)
Edwin Land Parkway (NSW) – <i>also has an on-road cycle lane</i>
Geelong Ring Road stage 4A, Anglesea overpass (Vic)
Geelong Ring Road stage 4B, Anglesea Road to Princes Highway (Vic)
Kingston Bypass (Tas)
Brighton Bypass (Tas)

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**Question no.:** 62

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Freight Strategy - Wiluna to Meekatharra Road

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** 26 (29/05/2013)

**Senator Ludlam asked:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** All right. Last one for me on freight; have you ever received a submission from the state government on the Wiluna to Meekatharra Road, which I think I have taken up with you before, as the last section of unsealed state highway between Kalgoorlie and the Pilbara?

**Mr Deegan:** There has certainly been discussion around that project. I think it is partly—again, the department may be better able—I think there has been some discussion, again, as part of their freight strategy on that project as part of a broader network.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Okay, but you would not say that there is any proposal before you?

**Mr Deegan:** There would be a proposal before us, yes.

**Senator LUDLAM:** There is? Is that new information? I think last time I asked there was not.

**Mr Deegan:** I would need to check.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Yes, if you could, just what the nature of the character of the proposal is. That is not something that you folk would have in hand yet, is it? Okay.

**Mr Deegan:** Yes, I will undertake to check that.

**Senator LUDLAM:** — it is a very important little, tiny piece of a network, that is all.

**Answer:**

The response to this question was provided by Mr Wood on page 26 of the Senate Hansard:

***Mr Wood:** Certainly. The Australian government is committing \$2 million to the port link study in Western Australia, which is looking at a range of freight issues around Kalgoorlie, links to ports both to the north and to the south. Part of that is looking at an intermodal hub in Kalgoorlie and rail and road realignments around Kalgoorlie, but also road connections to the north, which I believe include the Wiluna to Meekatharra road. That study will be—it is underway. We sit on the steering committee. It is not due to complete until the end of next year, as it is a detailed, very long term package of works.*

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**Question no.:** 63

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Bruce Highway Safety programme

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

Please provide the uncommitted balance (if any) for each of the financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14 for the Bruce Highway Safety programme.

**Answer:**

The Bruce Highway Safety Program includes funding for Black Spot projects, Overtaking Lane projects and Rest Area projects on the Bruce Highway, with a total of \$450.0 million committed in the Nation Building Program, 2008-09 to 2013-14.

Of this funding, \$0.2 million on the Bruce Highway – Sarina to Cairns – Black Spot project remains unallocated as at 30 June 2013. This funding is in the 2013-14 financial year.

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**Question no.:** 64

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Parramatta to Epping Rail Link

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

At the February 2013 Senate Estimates hearings no financial year by financial year funding profile was available for the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link. Is a funding profile now available? If so, provide the financial year by financial year funding profile.

**Answer:**

At the commencement of the caretaker period on 5 August 2013, Commonwealth funding of \$2.08 billion is available from 2019-20 for the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link.

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**Question no.:** 65

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Moreton Bay Rail Link

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

At the February 2013 Senate Estimates the financial year by financial year funding profile was not provided for the additional funding set aside for the Moreton Bay Rail Link in Nation Building 2. Could you please provide the financial year by financial year funding profile for the remaining funding to be spent on this project from the Nation Building 2 programme?

**Answer:**

At the commencement of the caretaker period on 5 August 2013, the Australian Government is contributing \$742 million towards the Moreton Bay Rail Link project, which is profiled as follows:

<b>AG Cont.</b>	<b>Expenditure prior to 30 June '13</b>	<b>2013-14 Budget</b>	<b>2014-15 Budget</b>	<b>2015-16 Budget</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget</b>	<b>2017-18 Budget</b>
<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
742.0	64.6	68.4	308.0	159.0	142.0	-

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**Question no.:** 66

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Projects

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

For the 11 projects below please advise:

1. The financial year by financial year breakdown of expenditure during the life of the current Nation Building programme (2008-09 – 2013-14):
2. The financial year by financial year expenditure from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (where applicable); and
3. The financial year by financial year expenditure beyond 2018-19 (where applicable/available)

Projects

1. Hunter Expressway (NSW) (commenced in August 2010 and scheduled for completion in late 2013) (\$1.5 billion)
2. Pacific Highway – Kempsey Bypass (NSW) (commenced in June 2010 and complete in early 2013) (\$618 million)
3. Ipswich Motorway – Additional Works (QLD) (various works which are complete) (\$884 million from BAF and Nation Building funding of \$1.9 billion)
4. Gold Coast Rapid Transit (QLD) (construction commenced in 2010 and scheduled for completion in 2014) (\$365 million)
5. Gawler Line Modernisation (SA) (some works were completed but the SA Govt cancelled the project) (\$293.5 million but note cancellation)
6. Noarlunga to Seaford Rail Extension (SA) (construction commenced in July 2010 and was completed in December 2012, services to commence in December 2013) (\$291.2 million)
7. Goodwood and Torrens Junctions (SA) (commenced in January 2013 and expected completion in September 2013 on the Goodwood grade separation; Torrens Junction and Leader St upgrade timeframes are yet to be decided) (\$232.1 million)
8. Regional Rail Link (Vic) (commenced construction in 2009 and works and is significantly progressed) (\$3.225 billion)
9. Melbourne Metro 1 – preconstruction (Vic) (design and preconstruction underway) (\$40 million)
10. Oakajee Port Common User Facilities (WA) (Govt has made provision for a possible equity contribution but project has stalled) (\$339 million)
11. Majura Parkway (ACT) (construction commenced in February 2012 and expected to be open to traffic by June 2016) (\$144 million)

**Answer:**

Refer to Attachment A.



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Project Name	2008-09 Payment Outcome	2009-10 Payment Outcome	2010-11 Payment Outcome	2011-12 Payment Outcome	2012-13 Payment Outcome	2013-14 Forecast	2014-15 Forecast	2015-16 Forecast	2016-17 Forecast	2017-18 Forecast	2018-19 Forecast	2019-20 to 2020-2021 Forecast	Total 2008-09 to 2020-2021
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Hunter Expressway (NSW)	158.0	-	247.0	848.0	190.0	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,451.0
Pacific Highway – Kempsey Bypass (NSW)	100.0	-	185.0	200.0	133.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	618.0
<b>Ipswich Motorway – Additional Works (QLD)</b>													
<b>Additional Works - BAF</b>													
BAF - Ipswich Motorway - Wacol to Darra Stage 2	124.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124.0
BAF - Ipswich Motorway - Darra to Rocklea Planning	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0
BAF - Ipswich Motorway - Dinmore to Goodna	350.0	-	-	400.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750.0
<b>Additional Works - Nation Building*</b>													
Ipswich Motorway - Dinmore to Goodna	72.5	580.0	-	362.1	(195.1)	45.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	864.6
Ipswich Motorway - Wacol to Darra	266.0	206.1	25.0	(7.3)	(3.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	486.1
*The question referred to \$1.9m completed works from Nation Building Funding. The Ipswich Motorway – Additional works comprises of three projects Wacol to Darra Stage 2, Darra to Rocklea Planning (BAF only) and Dinmore to Goodna the above list reflects the Australian Governments current contribution to these projects with a total contribution from Nation Building funding being \$1.4 million.													

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Gold Coast Rapid Transit (QLD)	-	365.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	365.0
Gawler Line Modernisation (SA)	14.0	36.0	62.1	146.2	(10.0)	33.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	293.5*
Noarlunga to Seaford Rail Extension (SA)	8.0	10.0	85.0	165.0	23.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291.2
Goodwood and Torrens Junctions (SA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	232.1	-	-	-	-	232.1
Regional Rail Link (Vic)	150.0	-	247.0	448.0	602.0	878.0	600.0	300.0	-	-	-	-	3,225.0
Melbourne Metro 1 – preconstruction (Vic)	-	-	-	20.0	20.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0
Oakajee Port Common User Facilities (WA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	339.0	-	-	-	339.0
Majura Parkway (ACT)	-	-	-	9.5	23.4	26.6	64.5	20.0	-	-	-	-	144.0

Note: Figures are correct as commencement of the caretaker period on 5 August 2013.

\* Gawler Line Modernisation (SA) - Due to the SA Government deferring the project funds held, \$30.69 million plus interest of \$1.001 million were returned to the Australian Government. \$12.2 million was allocated to the project in 2012-13.

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**Question no.:** 67

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Stream 1 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

1. Please provide the past and future financial year by financial year breakdown of funding for the below projects.
2. Have any of the below projects had to be delayed or had funding re-profiled due to the smaller amount of revenue collected by the MRRT? If so, provide details.
3. Have any of the below projects had to be delayed or had funding re-profiled for any other reason? If so, provide reason for delay.
4. Noting that Stream 1 of the RIF was intended to fund the above 8 projects can you confirm that there is no uncommitted funding in Stream 1? If there is uncommitted funding, please provide the total and financial year by financial year profile of the funding.

Projects

1. Gladstone Port Access Road (\$50 million)
2. Blacksoil Interchange (Qld) (intersection of the Warrego Hwy, Brisbane Valley Highway and the Wulkuraka Connection Rd near Ipswich) (\$54 million)
3. Townsville Ring Road (\$160 million)
4. Peak Downs Highway through the Eton Range (Qld) (\$120 million)
5. Bruce and Capricorn highway intersection (south of Rockhampton) (\$40 million from Regional Infrastructure Fund and additional \$28 million from Nation Building Bruce Highway Black Spots program)
6. Gateway WA (roads around Perth Airport) (\$480 million)
7. Mackay Ring Road study (\$10 million)
8. Scone level Crossing study (NSW) (\$1.4 million)

**Answer:**

1. See Attachment A.
2. No.
3. See Attachment A.
4. There is no uncommitted funding in RIF Stream 1 (refer p.56 of Senate Hansard, Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee, Wednesday 29 May 2013).

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Project	Total project cost \$m	Total AG cost \$m	Total AG 10-11 to 12-13 \$m	12-13 Outcome \$m	13-14 Forecast \$m	14-15 Forecast \$m	15-16 Forecast \$m	16-17 Forecast \$m	17-18 Forecast \$m	18-19 Forecast \$m	19-20 Forecast \$m	20-21 Forecast \$m	Comment on status
Gladstone Port Access Road	50.0	50.0	0.0	1.8	13.2	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	The funding was re-profiled to align with the expected agreed project milestone dates. Construction expected to commence in 2014.
Blacksoil Interchange	93.4	54.0	54.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No funding deferred, although commencement of construction on the project was delayed. Construction expected to commence in early 2013.
Townsville Ring Road	200.0	160.0	10.0	14.8	19.2	73.0	43.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	The funding was re-profiled to align with the expected agreed project milestone dates. Construction expected to commence in late 2014.
Peak Downs Highway	120.0	120.0	0.0	7.4	32.6	50.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	The funding was re-profiled to align with the expected agreed project milestone dates. Construction expected to commence in 2015.
Upgrade of the Intersection of the Bruce & Capricorn highways (Yeppen roundabout and bridge)	85.0	68.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No funding deferred. Construction commenced in April 2012.
Gateway WA (RIF component only)	600.0	480.0	0.0	0.0	53.3	240.0	123.2	63.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	The funding was re-profiled to align with the proposed construction schedule. The project commenced in February 2013. Major construction is expected to begin in July 2013.
Mackay Ring Road Study Qld	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No funding deferred. Study expected to be completed in mid-2014.
Scone Level Crossing Study	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No funding deferred. Study is expected to be completed in mid-2013.

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**Question no.:** 68

**Program:** 1.1 Infrastructure Investment

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

Please provide the past and future financial year by financial year breakdown for the following projects:

Projects

1. Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan (\$450,000)
2. North Queensland Resources Supply Chain (50 year infrastructure plan for N Qld and developing a demand model to prioritise projects) (\$1.66 million)
3. Central Queensland Resources Supply Chain Plan (manage growth and infrastructure demands) (\$1.5 million)
4. Regional Mining and Infrastructure Plan (plans for Yorke and Mid-North/ Braemar Region, Far North Region and Eyre and Western Region; estimated completion of July 2013) (SA) (\$1.5 million)

**Answer:**

1-4: See Attachment A.

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Project	Total project cost \$m	Total AG cost \$m	Total AG 10-11 to 12-13 \$m	12-13 Outcome \$m	13-14 Forecast \$m	14-15 Forecast \$m	15-16 Forecast \$m	16-17 Forecast \$m	17-18 Forecast \$m	18-19 Forecast \$m	19-20 Forecast \$m	20-21 Forecast \$m
Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
North Queensland Resources Supply Chain Plan	1.7	1.7	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Central Queensland Resources Supply Chain Plan	2.0	1.5	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regional Mining and Infrastructure Plans	2.1	1.5	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Note: Figures are correct as commencement of the caretaker period on 5 August 2013.

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**Question no.:** 69

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund – uncommitted funding

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

Noting the Government's decision to roll Stream 2 of the RIF into Nation Building 2, how much of the \$2.4 billion RIF – Stream 2 which has been rolled into the Nation Building 2 programme is uncommitted funding? Please provide the financial year by financial year breakdown for the years 2014-15 – 2018-19 of the uncommitted funding previously in RIF – Stream 2 that will now be transferred to the Nation Building 2 programme?

**Answer:**

As the commencement of the caretaker period on 5 August 2013, the amount of RIF stream 2 funding that is unallocated is \$151.9 million. The breakdown over the five year period is as follows:

2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m
41.7	5.0	6.7	63.0	8.1

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**Question no.:** 70

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund - reduction

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

For the \$2 billion reduction in the RIF – Stream 2, I note that the budget advises that part of the \$2 billion cut is \$100 million in 17-18; \$500 million in 2018-19 and \$500 million in 19-20. Please provide the financial year by financial year breakdown for the remaining \$900 million reduction in the fund. If unavailable, please confirm that the \$900 million is beyond the forward estimates.

**Answer:**

2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
150.0	50.0	50.0	678.0



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**Question no.:** 71

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Regional Roads Productivity Package

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Nash asked:**

For the Regional Roads Productivity Package (NT) (funding to upgrade 6 rds: Roper Hwy, Port Keats Rd, Santa Teresa Way, Rocky Bottom Creek bridge on Central Arnhem Rd, Buntine Hwy, Arnhem Link Rd) (\$90 million) Please provide:

1. Total contribution from Nation Building 2 (2014-15 – 2018-19);
2. Total contribution from Nation Building 3 (2019-20 – 2023-24): and
3. Total contribution beyond Nation Building 3.

**Answer:**

1. \$90.0 million.
2. \$0.
3. \$0.

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**Question no.:** 72

**Program:** 1.1

**Division/Agency:** (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment

**Topic:** Hann Highway

**Proof Hansard Page/s:** Written

**Senator Macdonald asked:**

In answer to questions at previous estimates (Additional Estimates February 2013 Answers to Questions on Notice 70 (Proof Hansard p42)) the department indicated that the Queensland Government had not submitted a funding proposal for the Hann Highway under the next phase of the Nation Building program (2013-14).

1. Does the Department of Infrastructure and Transport/Nation Building classify the Hann highway as part of the national road transport network?
2. Is the department reviewing road infrastructure projects in Northern and Western Queensland?
3. The answer provided to question on notice 70 does not answer the question as to whether the department is aware of any approaches for funding for the highway. Can the department indicate if it has been made aware of any submissions (through RDAF or other commonwealth agencies) for funding for the Hann highway?

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. The Department reviewed projects put forward by the Queensland Government in its submission for projects to be considered for funding in the next phase of Nation Building from 2014-15. The Australian Government announced the projects to be funded in the next phase of Nation Building as part of the 2013-14 budget process.
3. The former Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport (DRALGAS) listed the Hann Highway Upgrade (Pave and Seal) under its Round 4 Regional Development Australia Fund expressions of interest as a project to 'Proceed to Full Application'. Further information on the status of this application will need to be sought from the DRALGAS.

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**Question no.: 73**

**Program: 1.1**

**Division/Agency: (NB-II) Nation Building - Infrastructure Investment**

**Topic: Cardwell Range Re-alignment**

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**Senator Macdonald asked:**

1. What is the date of completion is the realignment of the Cardwell Range section of the Bruce Highway?
2. The Commonwealth committed \$115 million to this project in 2012. How much of this has been spent so far?
3. What is the current estimate for the total project cost upon completion?

**Answer:**

1. Late 2013.
2. The Australian Government has increased its commitment to the project to \$128.5 million. The full allocation from the Australian Government has been expended.
3. The estimated total project cost is \$198.0 million.