



Inquiry into the procurement and delivery of MyWay+

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport

In relation to: TSY concerns re long fare free period

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport took on notice the following question:

Did Treasury express concerns about having a long fare free period?

MR CAIN: Mr White, you mentioned the potential 15-month fare-free program if you started later. Was that a submission put to the minister and was there any response back, particularly from treasury, to say not to adopt that approach?

Mr White: Again, repeating what Mr McHugh said earlier, the risk that we assessed and fare-free periods, and the risk of losing our backbone of communication for the old system, i.e. the retirement of 3G, were all factors that were laid out in our support of changing from a multi-phased delivery approach a single-phase delivery approach.

MR CAIN: Did treasury express concern about having a long fare-free period?

Mr White: I do not recall, Mr Cain, but I am absolutely happy to take that on notice and see if we had any correspondence from treasury on that.

Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Treasury provides advice on relevant decisions of Cabinet. Any advice relating to the decisions surrounding the commencement of the fare-free period associated with the rollout of MyWay+ is Cabinet advice and is therefore not suitable for public disclosure at this time.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services.

Signature:



By Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport

Date:

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