

*Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.*

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**QUESTION:**

In terms of a previous question that I asked you, it was about the increased services that you announced to allow people to better socially distance on our train and tram networks. Now, I asked you what the cost of that initiative was and in your answer to the question you said, 'Costs for the additional services are assessed in line with contractual requirements to determine appropriate cost outcome'. Now, that is not actually the cost of the initiative. Are you able to inform the committee what the actual cost of that initiative is?

**ANSWER:**

An additional 95 metropolitan train services were added to the shoulder-peak period each week from July 2020 to assist with social distancing of passengers and encourage passenger travel outside of peak usage periods.

The Frankston, Sandringham, Sunbury, Craigieburn, Werribee, Mernda, Cranbourne/Pakenham, Ringwood and Glen Waverley lines each received an extra 10 services per week and the Hurstbridge line received 5 new services each week.

These additional shoulder-peak services have been incorporated into the permanent timetable change which comes into effect on the 31 January 2021. The cost of these additional services from this date are within the budget funding provided for the service uplift on the metropolitan train network.

The estimated cost for the implementation of the 95 additional services between July 2020 and January 2021 was \$2 million and the Department of Transport has confirmed that forecast costs remain within that budget estimate.