

**BUDGET ESTIMATES
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Asked by: Ms Sylvia Hale MLC

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Question:

Ms Hale to the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Illawarra:

Ms SYLVIA HALE: Minister, you will no doubt have to take my next question on notice. Would you provide the Committee with the numbers and locations of disused rail and goods lines in the Sydney metropolitan area? Similarly, would you provide the Committee with details of the numbers and locations of disused rail and freight lines in rural areas of the State?

Mr DAVID CAMPBELL: My understanding is that there are 3,000 kilometres of disused rail line, most of it closed by the Greiner Government, I would point out. But we will provide some detailed information to the Committee.

Ms SYLVIA HALE: Were any of the lines closed by the Greiner Government ever reopened by the Labor Government?

Mr DAVID CAMPBELL: Not that I am aware of. But, again, I will check that.

Ms SYLVIA HALE: One of the problems, of course, with the rural branch lines is that they are not officially closed; they are just allowed to fall into disuse. Which rural branch lines in New South Wales have not been used at all by any train in the past year?

Mr DAVID CAMPBELL: Again, I will take the question on notice and provide details to the Committee

Answer:

I am advised:

The table below details disused rail and freight lines in the Sydney metropolitan area and the rural areas of New South Wales. In the past year, trains ran on all operational lines across the Country Regional Network.

Metropolitan and Regional Network – Non Operational Lines

Line	Date Non Operational
Awaba to Wangi Wangi	1972
Barmedman to Rankins Springs	2004
Binnaway to Baradine	2005
Baradine to Gwabegar	May 2004
Blayney to Cowra	July 2007
<i>Boree Creek to Oakland - from Urana</i>	1982
<i>Boree Creek to Oakland - to Urana</i>	1988
Bungendore to Captains Flat	1968
Byrock to Brewarrina	1982
Camurra to Weemelah	September 2009
Casino to Murwillumbah	June 2004
Cootamundra to Tumut	1984
Cowra to Eugowra	1991
Cowra to Koorawatha	September 2009
Craboon to Coolah	1985
<i>Culcairn to Corowa - from Brocklesby</i>	1989
<i>Culcairn to Corowa - to Brocklesby</i>	1991
Culcairn to Holbrook	1987
Dulwich Hill to Rozelle	2009
<i>Dumaresq to Wallangarra - from Dumaresq</i>	1993
<i>Dumaresq to Wallangarra - from Glen Innes</i>	1989
Fassifern to Toronto	1990
Galong to Boorowa	1987
Gosford to Gosford Racecourse	1972
Goulburn to Crookwell	1989
Greenethorpe to Grenfell	1991
Henty to Rand	1989
Hillston to Roto	1986
Kandos to Gulgong	2007
Koorawatha to Demondrille	September 2009
Koorawatha to Greenethorpe	September 2009
Loftus to National Park	1991

Merrywinebone to Pokataroo	1974
<i>Molong to Dubbo - from Yeoval</i>	1988
<i>Molong to Dubbo - to Yeoval</i>	1992
<i>Moree to Inverell - from Biniguy</i>	1991
<i>Moree to Inverell - from Delungra</i>	1987
<i>Moree to Inverell - to Biniguy</i>	1994
Murwillumbah to Condong	1993
<i>Narrandera to Tocumwal - from Jerilderie</i>	1987
<i>Narrandera to Tocumwal - to Jerilderie</i>	1991
North Star to Boggabilla	1987
Nyngan to Burke	1989
Picton to Braemar - Leased network	1989
<i>Queanbeyan to Bombala - from Cooma</i>	1986
<i>Queanbeyan to Bombala - to Cooma</i>	1989
Sandy Hollow to Merriwa	1988
Sydney Yard to Darling Harbour	1993
Tarana to Oberon	1979
Tumut to Batlow	1984
Uranquinty to Kywong	1988
<i>Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba - from Ladysmith</i>	1974
<i>Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba - to Ladysmith</i>	1988
Weemelah to Mungindi	1984
West Tamworth to Barraba	1987
West Wyalong to Burcher	2005
Willbriggie to Hay	1989
Yanco to Willbriggie	2005
Yass Junction to Yass Town	1988



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