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ADDITIONAL COSTS IN ESTABLISHING A JOINT TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (JTA)

Paragraph 40 of the Explanatory Notes states that the creation of a Joint Transport Authority (JTA) would mean estimated costs of up to £1 million per annum. This is based on the possibility of creating a JTA in South East Wales. Staff would also transfer as indicated in paragraph 41 to carry out existing functions. Total costs are not given since that would require a detailed proposal setting out functions and staff to be transferred from the 10 existing authorities.

Breakdown of additional annual staff costs for a JTA (paragraph 40)

- Salaries of four senior managers (Chief Executive, Directors of Resources, ie Finance/Administration, Policy/Planning and Operations)	£260k
- Salaries for 20 operational staff (6 senior managers, 10 administrative support and 4 personal assistants)	£450k
- Additional costs of 20% on top of salary costs	£142k
- Rent for headquarters office accommodation for 30-40 people	£ 50k
TOTAL	£902k

There would be further costs including additional IT systems in the new headquarters.

Additional costs for the Assembly Government

Paragraphs 37 and 41 refer to four additional posts dealing with rail. These will supplement existing staff and will include one manager with specific rail expertise and administrative support.