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**FINANCE**

**Stamp duty on insurance**

1. How much stamped duty was collected on insurance in 2022-23?
2. How much stamp duty is budgeted to be collected on insurance in:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?
  - (c) 2025-26?
  - (d) 2026-27?
3. Are any insurance policies exempt from stamp duty?
4. Has any modelling been done by Treasury, or is Treasury aware of any research on, the effect of stamp duty on insurance affordability and on rates of underinsurance or non-insurance?
5. Has any modelling been done by Treasury, or is Treasury aware of any research on, the costs incurred by the NSW Government following natural disasters attributable to underinsurance or non-insurance?

**Labour hire**

6. What is the baseline spend on labour hire in relation to the Government's election commitment to cut this by 25% by June 2026?
7. What is the amount attributed to reduction in labour hire included in the \$13 billion reprioritisation in the 2023-24 Budget?
  - (a) Of this, what is the allocation for each year 2023-24 to 2026-27?
  - (b) Of this, how much is allocated to each of these portfolios:
    - i. The Cabinet Office;
    - ii. Customer Service;
    - iii. Education;
    - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;

- v. Health;
- vi. Planning and Environment;
- vii. Premier's Department;
- viii. Regional NSW;
- ix. Communities and Justice;
- x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
- xi. Treasury?

### **Consultants**

8. What is the baseline spend on consultants in relation to the Government's election commitment to cut this by \$35 million per annum from 2023-24?
9. What is the amount attributed to reduction in spend on consultants included in the \$13 billion reprioritisation in the 2023-24 Budget?
  - (a) Of this, what is the allocation for each year 2023-24 to 2026-27?
  - (b) Of this, how much is allocated to each of these portfolios:
    - i. The Cabinet Office;
    - ii. Customer Service;
    - iii. Education;
    - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;
    - v. Health;
    - vi. Planning and Environment;
    - vii. Premier's Department;
    - viii. Regional NSW;
    - ix. Communities and Justice;
    - x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
    - xi. Treasury?

### **Advertising**

10. What is the baseline spend on advertising in relation to the Government's election commitment to cut this by 25% by June 2026?
11. What is the amount attributed to reduction in spend on advertising included in the \$13 billion reprioritisation in the 2023-24 Budget?

- (a) Of this, what is the allocation for each year 2023-24 to 2026-27?
- (b) Of this, how much is allocated to each of these portfolios:
  - i. The Cabinet Office;
  - ii. Customer Service;
  - iii. Education;
  - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;
  - v. Health;
  - vi. Planning and Environment;
  - vii. Premier's Department;
  - viii. Regional NSW;
  - ix. Communities and Justice;
  - x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
  - xi. Treasury?

#### **Travel**

- 12. What is the baseline spend on travel in relation to the Government's election commitment to cut this by \$40 million per annum from 2023-24?
- 13. What is the amount attributed to reduction in spend on travel included in the \$13 billion reprioritisation in the 2023-24 Budget?
  - (a) Of this, what is the allocation for each year 2023-24 to 2026-27?
  - (b) Of this, how much is allocated to each of these portfolios:
    - i. The Cabinet Office;
    - ii. Customer Service;
    - iii. Education;
    - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;
    - v. Health;
    - vi. Planning and Environment;
    - vii. Premier's Department;
    - viii. Regional NSW;
    - ix. Communities and Justice;
    - x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
    - xi. Treasury?

## **Legal**

14. What is the baseline spend on legal expenses in relation to the Government's election commitment to cut this by 25% by June 2026?
15. What is the amount attributed to reduction in spend on legal expenses included in the \$13 billion reprioritisation in the 2023-24 Budget?
  - (a) Of this, what is the allocation for each year 2023-24 to 2026-27?
  - (b) Of this, how much is allocated to each of these portfolios:
    - i. The Cabinet Office;
    - ii. Customer Service;
    - iii. Education;
    - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;
    - v. Health;
    - vi. Planning and Environment;
    - vii. Premier's Department;
    - viii. Regional NSW;
    - ix. Communities and Justice;
    - x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
    - xi. Treasury?

## **Senior Executives**

16. What is the baseline number of senior executives in relation to the Government's election commitment to cut this by 15% by June 2026?
  - (a) In relation to the baseline how many senior executives subject to the reduction policy were attributed to each of these portfolios:
    - i. The Cabinet Office;
    - ii. Customer Service;
    - iii. Education;
    - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;
    - v. Health;
    - vi. Planning and Environment;
    - vii. Premier's Department;
    - viii. Regional NSW;

- ix. Communities and Justice;
  - x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
  - xi. Treasury?
17. What is the amount attributed to reduction in spend on senior executives included in the \$13 billion reprioritisation in the 2023-24 Budget?
- (a) Of this, what is the allocation for each year 2023-24 to 2026-27?
  - (b) Of this, how much is allocated to each of these portfolios:
    - i. The Cabinet Office;
    - ii. Customer Service;
    - iii. Education;
    - iv. Enterprise, Investment and Trade;
    - v. Health;
    - vi. Planning and Environment;
    - vii. Premier's Department;
    - viii. Regional NSW;
    - ix. Communities and Justice;
    - x. Transport and Infrastructure; and
    - xi. Treasury?
18. On what date was the Minister for Finance first made aware that new modelling by Treasury since that done for the 2022-23 Half Yearly Review indicated that approximately \$17 billion in extra tax revenue could be anticipated for the years covered by the 2023-24 Budget?

### **Debt Recovery**

19. How many debt recovery notices have been issued to:
- (a) recipients of funding through the JobSaver program?
  - (b) recipients of funding through the Micro-Business Grant program?
  - (c) (if a breakdown is not available under 1a and 1b) recipients of funding through the JobSaver and Micro-Business Grant programs?
20. How many reviews of debt recovery notices were sought by:
- (a) recipients of funding through the JobSaver program?
  - (b) recipients of funding through the Micro-Business Grant program?

- (c) (if a breakdown is not available under 2a and 2b) recipients of funding through the JobSaver and Micro-Business Grant programs?
21. How many reviews of debt recovery notices were offered without request by the Department of Customer Service or Revenue NSW to:
- (a) recipients of funding through the JobSaver program?
  - (b) recipients of funding through the Micro-Business Grant program?
  - (c) (if a breakdown is not available under 3a and 3b) recipients of funding through the JobSaver and Micro-Business Grant programs?
22. How many reviews of debt recovery notices were conducted for:
- (a) recipients of funding through the JobSaver program?
  - (b) recipients of funding through the Micro-Business Grant program?
  - (c) (if a breakdown is not available under 4a and 4b) recipients of funding through the JobSaver and Micro-Business Grant programs?
23. How many small businesses that have been forced to repay funds received through JobSaver or the Micro-Business grant programs have had a quality assurance process applied to ensure debt recovery notices are accurate?
24. How many debt recovery notices have been overturned for:
- (a) recipients of funding through the JobSaver program?
  - (b) recipients of funding through the Micro-Business Grant program?
  - (c) (if a breakdown is not available under 6a and 6b) recipients of funding through the JobSaver and Micro-Business Grant programs?
25. Of those reviews that overturned the debt recovery notices, what was the average value refunded to businesses and not pursued?
26. What is the average value of debt recovery notices issued by the Department of Customer/Revenue NSW to:
- (a) recipients of funding through the JobSaver program?
  - (b) recipients of funding through the Micro-Business Grant program?
  - (c) (if a breakdown is not available under 8a and 8b) recipients of funding through the JobSaver and Micro-Business Grant programs?

27. How many representations have been received raising concerns in respect of debt recovery notices or revised calculations on JobSaver or Micro-Business grants by:
- (a) The Minister
  - (b) The Department of Customer Service
  - (c) Revenue NSW

**Penalty Notices:**

28. Since your appointment how many penalty notices have been issued by Revenue NSW?
- (a) What was the dollar value of these penalty notices?
  - (b) How many of these notices have been issued to registered industrial organisations?
  - (c) Of those notices issued to registered industrial organisations, how many are still outstanding?
  - (d) Of these penalty notices how many have been for traffic offences?
29. How many of these penalty notices for traffic offences were for low range speeding offences?
- (a) What was the dollar value of these penalty notices for traffic offences?
30. What was the dollar value of these penalty notices for low range traffic speeding offences?
31. Since your appointment as Minister how many reviews of penalty notices have been requested?
- (a) How many of these were overturned?
  - (b) What was the dollar value of these overturned penalty notices?

**Electric Vehicle Stamp Duty:**

32. How many applications for the electric vehicle stamp duty exemptions have been received since 1 September 2021. If possible by financial year?
- (a) Have they all been approved?
  - (b) If not, on what basis were these rejected?
33. In cases where the application was rejected is there a process they can ask questions about that and request a review?
- (a) If so how many of these reviews have been requested?
  - (b) How many of these reviews were successful?



34. What is the total value of the stamp duty exemptions that have been approved?

### **Revenue NSW**

35. How many staff are employed by Revenue NSW?

36. What is the average attendance in the office per week across the Revenue NSW from 1 April 2023 to present?

37. What is the accommodation expenditure for leased premises for Revenue NSW?

38. What is the average wait time before a call to Revenue NSW is answered?

39. Since April 1 2023, how many complaints have been received from Service NSW?

### **Payroll Tax Audits for GPs and practices**

40. Since the announcement of a 12-month amnesty on payroll tax audits for General Practitioners, what consultation has been undertaken by the Minister and/or Revenue NSW on a long-term solution?

41. When can General Practitioners expect to be made aware of the outcome of these consultations?

42. Will the NSW Government extend this 12-month amnesty should the consultations with the sector be ongoing or the necessary legislation not introduced to the Parliament?

43. What actions has Revenue NSW undertaken to advise General Practitioners of these changes?

44. What actions has Revenue NSW undertaken to advise General Practitioners of the 12 month amnesty?

45. Since 1 April 2023, how many payroll tax audits were commenced in New South Wales?

(a) How many of these audits have been completed?

(b) How many of these audits found businesses had underpaid payroll tax?

(c) How many of these audits found businesses had overpaid payroll tax?

(d) What was the total amount payable to the New South Government?

(e) What was the average amount of tax payable?

46. Since 1 April 2023, how many payroll tax audits were commenced in New South Wales on general practitioners?

(a) How many of these audits have been completed?

(b) How many of these audits found that general practitioners had underpaid payroll tax?

- (c) How many of these audits found that general practitioners had overpaid payroll tax?
- (d) What was the total amount payable to the New South Government?
- (e) What was the average amount of tax payable?

### **Hotel Quarantine Notices**

- 47. Since 1 April 2023, how many garnishee orders have been issued by Revenue NSW to residents under the COVID border closure program?
- 48. How many NSW residents still have unpaid fees?
- 49. What is the total amount outstanding by NSW residents under the COVID border closure program?
- 50. What steps were taken by Revenue NSW to ensure that residents subject to garnishee orders had received at least three separate notices across the 90 day period specified?
- 51. What actions were taken by Revenue NSW to ensure that the details in these notices and later garnishee orders were sent to the correct address?
- 52. In cases where Revenue NSW was notified of notices being sent to the incorrect address, what support was provided to residents of NSW to assist them in resolving their debts?
- 53. How much notice was provided to residents before garnishee orders were put in place?
- 54. To date, what is the total amount owed to NSW taxpayers from other states?
  - (a) Please provide breakdown by state.
- 55. What steps has Revenue NSW taken to recover these debts?

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **Coal Royalties:**

- 56. What considerations formed part of the Government's decision to increase coal royalties by 2.6 per cent?
- 57. Is your government intending to increase those royalties further in future budgets?
- 58. Was any consideration given to returning the increase in revenue stemming from the increase in coal royalties to communities across regional NSW?

#### **Mining Licences:**

59. At what point did you become aware that Mining, Exploration and Geoscience had wrongly approved 3,340 licences for miners in Lightning Ridge and White Cliffs?
60. On what date did you announce the refund scheme for those affected miners?
61. On what date were half of those affected licences re-validated?
62. How long did it take you to re-validate all of those licences?
63. How much time did you spend on the 22nd of May with the Lightning Ridge Miners Association, the White Cliffs Miners Association and the Glengary, Grawin, Sheeppark, Miners Association?
64. How much time did you spend on the 25th of May with the SDA Union?

## **DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING & GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

65. What are the current requirements for insurance for prospective suppliers to the NSW Government?
66. Under current procurement practices is it the case that the NSW Government “contracts out” of proportionate liability, as claimed by the Insurance Council of Australia, in its publication “A Stronger NSW” ( [https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20785\\_ICA\\_NSW-Election-Report\\_Final-DoublePageSpread.pdf](https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20785_ICA_NSW-Election-Report_Final-DoublePageSpread.pdf))?
67. Do current procurement practices impose “onerous, unnecessary and unfair professional indemnity insurance requirements” on suppliers in the engineering and construction sectors as claimed by the Insurance Council of Australia, in its publication “A Stronger NSW” ( [https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20785\\_ICA\\_NSW-Election-Report\\_Final-DoublePageSpread.pdf](https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20785_ICA_NSW-Election-Report_Final-DoublePageSpread.pdf))?
68. According to the *Administrative Arrangements (Public Service agencies and Ministers) Order 2023* (28 September 2023 version) the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade (DEIT) is listed as responsible to the Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Procurement (the Minister). In relation to DEIT:
  - (a) How many staff are responsible to the Minister, or provide support for the Minister?
  - (b) Which aspects of the portfolio of Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement is DEIT responsible to the Minister for?
69. According to the *Administrative Arrangements (Public Service agencies and Ministers) Order 2023* (28 September 2023 version) the Department of Customer Service (DCS) is listed as responsible to the Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Procurement (the Minister). In relation to DCS:

- (a) How many staff are responsible to the Minister, or provide support for the Minister?
  - (b) Which aspects of the portfolio of Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement is DCS responsible to the Minister for?
70. According to the Administrative Arrangements (Public Service agencies and Ministers) Order 2023 (28 September 2023 version) the Treasury is listed as responsible to the Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Procurement (the Minister). In relation to the Treasury:
- (a) How many staff are responsible to the Minister, or provide support for the Minister?
  - (b) Which aspects of the portfolio of Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement is Treasury responsible to the Minister for?
71. What is the definition of “Domestic Manufacturing” for the purpose of the Minister’s portfolio?
- (a) Does “domestic” refer only to NSW?
  - (b) Does “domestic” refer to Australia and New Zealand?
72. In relation to the pre-election commitment to mandate “increased tender weightings to 30% for local content, jobs creation and ethical supply chains” in government procurement:
- (a) Does the Government intend to keep this election promise?
  - (b) When will this mandate be in place?
  - (c) Will this mandate apply to all use of “previous government procurement dollars”?
  - (d) What definition of “local content” is intended in this commitment?
    - (i) NSW only?
    - (ii) Australia and New Zealand?
73. How many times and on what dates has the Procurement Board met since 25 March 2023?
74. Which meetings of the Procurement Board have been attended by the Minister either in her capacity as Minister for Finance or in her capacity as Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement?
75. Have there been any changes to the Procurement Policy Framework since 25 March 2023?
76. What engagement has the Minister had with stakeholders in relation to Aboriginal Procurement Policy?

77. What engagement with stakeholders has the Minister had in relation to Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy?

**Existing Contracts:**

78. What contracts which are currently private do you intend to take government ownership of, now or at their expiry?
79. What plans are there to change existing overseas construction contracts into domestic contracts?

**OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS**

**Qantas**

80. Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairmans Club?
- (a) Have you ever previously been a member? When did you cease to be a member?
  - (b) When did you initially become a member?
  - (c) When was this declared on the Ministerial gifts register?

**Department/Agency Staffing**

81. How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) 28 March 2023?
  - (b) 23 October 2023?
82. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
83. How many individuals were employed as internal legal counsel by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) 28 March 2023?
  - (b) 23 October 2023?
84. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?
85. How many redundancies were processed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
    - i. Voluntary
    - ii. Forced
  - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
86. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
87. How many staff were dismissed from each Department/agency under your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) Without identifying individuals, what were the reason(s) for each dismissal?
88. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
89. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?
90. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
91. Do any senior executive service employees in any of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities have a driver that is paid for by the Department/agency?
- (a) If so, what is the number of senior executive service employees that have a driver, and which senior executive service employees have a driver?
  - (b) How much was spent on these drivers since 28 March 2023?
92. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
93. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
  - (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?
94. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on overseas flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
  - (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?
95. What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) Taxi hire?
  - (b) Ridesharing services?
  - (c) Limousine/private car hire?
  - (d) Hire car rental?

### **Hospitality**

96. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
97. How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
98. Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
99. Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
  - (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared publicly?
  - (c) Do staff declare their gifts publicly?

### **Agency Invoices**

100. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
101. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 30 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
102. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 60 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
- (a) What was the penalty for paying suppliers or contactors late, broken down by agency?

## **Car/Driver**

103. Has your Ministerial car been subject to any traffic or parking fines?

- (a) If so, please provide details of each fine?
- (b) Who was driving the car at the time of each incident?
- (c) Who paid any of the fines?

104. Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?

- (a) If so, who was driving the car?

## **Complaints**

105. Has the Minister been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment?

## **Consultants**

106. Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) What was the individual amount of each contract?
- (b) What is the purpose of each contract?
- (c) Who was the contract with?
- (d) Did the contract go to a competitive tender?

107. How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?

- (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

108. Have any Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 28 March 2023:

- (a) Social media?
  - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (b) Photography?
  - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (c) Videography?



- i. What were the cost of these services?
- (d) Acting training?
  - i. What were the cost of these services?
- (e) Ergonomics?
  - i. What were the cost of these services?

### **Departmental Credit Cards**

109. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
  - i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (d) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
  - i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
  - i. What was the total value of those purchases?
  - ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
  - iii. Were all those amounts repaid?
  - iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (g) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder's employment grade?
  - i. What amount was repaid, in full?
  - ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
  - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?

- (i) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

### **Efficiency Dividends**

110. Was an efficiency dividend applied to any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities in the 2023-24 NSW Budget?
- (a) If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each Department/agency?
  - (b) What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?

### **GIPA Applications**

111. How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
  - (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
  - (c) If so, what were the reasons provided?
  - (d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
  - (e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
  - (f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
    - i. Date received.
    - ii. Date acknowledged.
    - iii. Date responded.
    - iv. The description provided for the information sought.

112. How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
  - (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
    - i. If so, what were the reasons provided?
  - (c) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
  - (d) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
  - (e) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:

- i. Date received.
- ii. Date acknowledged.
- iii. Date responded.
- iv. The description provided for the information sought.

### **Labour Hire Firms**

113. Have any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilised the services of Labour Hire Firms since 28 March 2023? If yes, please advise in table form:

- (a) The names of the firms utilised.
- (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged.
- (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
- (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
- (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company.
- (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company.
- (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company.

### **Media and Public Relations**

114. How much has your ministerial office spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

115. How much has each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram

- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

116. Have you had media training or public speaking training?

- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
- (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid since 28 March 2023?

117. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies and what is the total cost to employ these advisers?

118. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities and their total cost?

119. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

### **Merchant fees**

120. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.

121. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.

122. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments made by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

### **Ministerial disclosures**

123. Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023?

- (a) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?

### **Office Administration**

124. What brand of paper is used in your office?

- (a) Is it recycled paper?
  - (b) Is it Australian made paper?
125. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS6 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
  - (b) May
  - (c) June
  - (d) July
  - (e) August
  - (f) September
  - (g) October
126. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS5 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
  - (b) May
  - (c) June
  - (d) July
  - (e) August
  - (f) September
  - (g) October
127. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS4 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
  - (b) May
  - (c) June
  - (d) July
  - (e) August

(f) September

(g) October

128. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS3 grade for the following months:

(a) April

(b) May

(c) June

(d) July

(e) August

(f) September

(g) October

129. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS2 grade for the following months:

(a) April

(b) May

(c) June

(d) July

(e) August

(f) September

(g) October

130. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS1 grade for the following months:

(a) April

(b) May

(c) June

(d) July

(e) August

- (f) September
  - (g) October
131. What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
132. How many DLOs were seconded to your ministerial office for the following months:
- (a) April
  - (b) May
  - (c) June
  - (d) July
  - (e) August
  - (f) September
  - (g) October
133. How many staff in your office are employed as 'caucus liaison officers'?
- (a) What are the responsibilities allocated to 'caucus liaison officers'?
  - (b) Have 'caucus liaison officers' been directed to only work with Government MPs?
  - (c) Do 'caucus liaison officers' contact members of the Australian Labor Party as part of their regular work duties?
134. How many staff members employed in your office under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 have been seconded from a NSW Government Department/agency?
- (a) Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.
135. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?
- (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?
136. How many iPhones/Smart Phones are assigned to staff in your ministerial office?
- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2022-23?
  - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
    - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
137. How many iPads or tablets are assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

- (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
  - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
    - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
138. How many laptops has the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- (a) What was the cost of providing laptops to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
  - (b) How many laptops have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
    - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
139. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
140. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
141. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
142. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals, and periodicals since 28 March 2023?
- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
143. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
    - i. Who were they gifted to?
144. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
145. What is the total spend for your office since 28 March 2023 for:
- (a) Taxi hire?
  - (b) Ridesharing services?
  - (c) Hire car rental?
  - (d) Limousine/private car hire?



146. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 28 March 2023?
- (a) If yes, please provide details of the trip including the date of the trip, purpose of the trip, the method of transport and the cost?
147. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
148. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
149. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?
150. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?
151. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?
152. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?

### **Overseas Trips**

153. Have you had any overseas trips paid for using public funds since 28 March 2023?
- (a) If yes, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
154. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded since 28 March 2023?
- (a) If yes, what was the nature of these trips?
- (b) Who paid for these trips?

### **Parliamentary Secretary**

155. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?
156. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?
157. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?
158. What event/meetings has your Parliamentary Secretary attended on your behalf?
- (a) Please provide in table form the date and the purpose of the event/meeting.
159. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

160. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so, when, and where?
- (b) If so, what was the cost of:
  - i. Airfares?
  - ii. Accommodation?
  - iii. Food and beverage?
  - iv. Transportation?
  - v. Entertainment?

161. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled domestically since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so, when, and where?
- (b) If so, what was the cost of:
  - i. Airfares?
  - ii. Accommodation?
  - iii. Food and beverage?
  - iv. Transportation?
  - v. Entertainment?

162. Has your Parliamentary Secretary received training?

- (a) If so, was it speech, voice, or media training?
- (b) If yes, who provided this training, on what date and at what cost

### **Probity Auditor**

163. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.

### **Training**

164. Have you received any training since becoming a Minister?

- (a) If yes, please provide the details of what the training was.

165. Have you received any speech, vocal or performance training?

- (a) If so, what was the cost?
- (b) Was this cost covered by the taxpayer?

**Website Usage**

- 166. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- 167. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?