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Planning and Public Spaces

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Floodplains

1. Is there a classification system for floodplains that is used by the Government or departments?
 - (a) What are the classifications?
 - (b) What is the definition of a “dangerous flood plain” as described by the Minister on page 9 of the transcript?
 - i. List the dangerous flood plains in NSW.
 - (c) Is the assessment of flood plains as dangerous by the Reconstruction Authority using an existing standard in relation to flood:
 - i. Frequency?
 - ii. Severity?
 - iii. Evacuation?
 - (d) If the Reconstruction Authority is writing a new standard for assessing floodplains as dangerous, what are the resources that they are deploying to inform the standard?
 - i. List the resources.
2. Is the Government assisting any Council with the preparation of updated flood risk assessments or local floodplain modelling?
 - (a) Is the Government aware of any ongoing flood risk assessment or local floodplain modelling that is being undertaken by any Council?
 - i. List the Councils.
 - (b) For high-risk floodplains, is the Government pro-actively assisting Councils in the preparation of flood risk assessments or local floodplain modelling?
 - i. Does the Government keep track of developments that are proposed in high flood risk areas?
 - ii. Is the NSW Government able to intervene in development proposals in high risk areas?

- (c) Has the Government received an updated flood risk assessment or local floodplain modelling from any council in the last 12 months?
 - i. List the Councils.
- (d) Has the Government received a planning proposal related to a flood risk assessment or local floodplain modelling from any council in the last 12 months?
 - i. List the Councils.
- (e) Is there a statewide program of flood risk analysis that involves engagement with local Councils?

Development

- 3. Is the Government undertaking any assessments for developments in high risk areas other than those listed on the planning portal?
 - (a) Is the Government aware of any developments in high risk areas that could be vulnerable to flood or fire?
 - i. List the developments.
 - (b) Is the Government aware of any Council areas that have development proposals that would surpass the infrastructure capacity of the area?
 - i. List the Councils.
 - (c) Has the Government received any correspondence from local Councils requesting assistance for particular or multiple developments in their area?
 - i. List the Councils.
 - ii. What action is taken by the Government in response to requests for assistance from local Councils with developments?
 - (d) Is there any kind of emergency power that the Government has in relation to developments in response to disasters or other significant changes that impact a development?

i. Should the Government have an emergency power that can intervene in developments if necessary?

(e) Is there a Government program of works for coastal inundation risk?

(f) Is there a Government program of works for bushfire risk?

(g) Is there a Government program of work for climate change risk?

4. Has the Government received correspondence from any local Council about the Premier's anti-NIMBY rhetoric?

(a) Has any of the correspondence received from any Council by the Government expressed concerns about the rhetoric used by the Premier in relation to NIMBY-ism?

(b) What Government policies or programs currently encourage or incentivise local Councils to accept new or expanded developments?

i. How many councils are taking advantage of these programs or policies?

ii. How many Councils are not taking advantage of these programs?

iii. How many Councils have responded positively to these programs?

iv. How many Councils have responded negatively to these programs?

5. Has any assessment by the Government been undertaken into the future of the final voids left by mining projects in the Hunter Valley?

(a) Does the Government have an assessment of the total value of remaining infrastructure that is associated with these voids?

i. Is there any assessment of the cost associated with removing remaining infrastructure associated with these voids?

(b) Have any of the final voids in the Hunter Valley been assessed for renewable energy potential?

i. How many?

- (c) Do any of the final voids have potential to be used for renewable energy purposes?
 - i. How many?
 - (d) For each of the final voids, what is the vertical height between the rim and sea level?
 - (e) Is the Government considering amendments to any development approvals to require further site remediation of mine sites and particularly final voids?
6. Has the Government received any requests for assistance from Councils or others in relation to developments that are colloquially referred to as “zombie DAs”?
- (a) How many requests have been made?
 - i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?
 - (b) How many requests have been made by Councils?
 - i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?
 - (c) How many requests have been made by proponents?
 - i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?
 - (d) How many requests have been made by neither a Council or the proponent?
 - i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?
 - (e) How many projects have been referred by the Minister to the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act in the financial year:
 - i. 2017-2018?
 - ii. 2018-2019?
 - iii. 2019-2020?
 - iv. 2020-2021?
 - v. 2021-2022?

vi. 2022-2023?

vii. 2023-Current?

(f) What assessment is undertaken by the Government to decide whether the Minister should make a referral to the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act?

(g) What work is the Government undertaking to resolve historic reporting and record keeping for developments by local Councils?

i. Has the Government prepared any estimates for how many “zombie DAs” might be in NSW?

ii. If yes, what is the estimate?

7. What is the assessment criteria used to determine whether requests for extensions of public consultation for projects are granted?

(a) How many projects have had requests for extensions made in the last 12 months?

i. How many have been granted?

Climate Change

8. In response to the 13 coal project extensions that are currently under consideration by the Government, what actions have been taken to account for projected emissions under:

(a) The current 50% emissions reductions by 2030 objectives of the Government?

(b) The current 70% emissions reductions by 2035 objectives of the Government?

9. Has the Government instructed the Department, in any way, about the 13 coal project extensions in NSW?

(a) For each of the projects, what is the expected date for the final decision?

i. Which projects will be decided before the end of the year?

(b) Does the extraction and burning of coal in NSW impact the emissions reduction targets?

i. What is the total emissions that are projected for each of the 13 coal project extensions that are under consideration?

- ii. What are the total emissions reductions associated with coal mines that are closing down between now and 2050, excluding the projects that are currently being considered for extension?

NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA)

- 10. What actions are the Government taking to ensure that officers of the RA are local to the impacted community?
 - (a) How many staff are currently employed by the RA?
 - (b) How many full time equivalent employees are there in the RA?
 - (c) How many staff of the RA live in Sydney?
 - i. How many RA staff live in the Northern Rivers?
- 11. Are there any unfilled positions in the RA?
 - (a) What are the currently vacant positions?
 - (b) Is there any identified need for the creation of new positions with the RA to ensure it can complete its role?
 - i. What needs have been identified that are currently not fulfilled by RA employees?
 - (c) Why is the Property Officer role that has been advertised by the RA only a temporary position?
 - i. Is there any identified need for ongoing property management by the RA?
- 12. Will the full \$1.5 billion dollars in funding be made available to the Resilient Homes Program?
 - (a) Will the full 6,000 households be eligible for support if the program has its full \$1.5 billion in funding?
 - (b) Will a further 4,000 homes be included in Tranche 2?
 - (c) Will the 4,000 retrofits and house raisings be funded?
- 13. Has the NSW Government asked the federal Government to contribute towards the remaining 700m of the Resilient Homes Program?
 - (a) If no, since the budget has been announced, has the NSW Government made a formal request to the federal government for more funding for the Resilient Homes Program?
 - i. Why has it taken over 8 months for the Government to ask for the program to be fully funded given that the federal Government has publicly said they are “ready to assist”?
 - (b) If yes, when was this request made?

- i. Why did it take over 6 months for the Government to ask for the program to be fully funded?
 - ii. Has the federal Government responded to this issue?
- 14. When will the full \$1.5 billion of funding for the Resilient Homes Program be announced?
 - (a) If the federal Government refuses to commit any additional money, will the Resilient Homes Program be fully funded by NSW?
- 15. Have any raises or retrofits been approved since 29 September?
 - (a) Why did it take 20 months for affected households in the Northern Rivers to be approved for retrofits or house raising?
 - (b) What systems does the Reconstruction Authority have in place to ensure that retrofits and raises are delivered as soon as possible?
 - (c) How many people that have not been able to access a buyback, house-raise or retrofit are currently living in homes that were flood-affected?
- 16. In the Byron Shire, 977 applications were made for buybacks and just 4 homes were approved as of the 29th of September. Why have so few homeowners in Byron been able to access support?
- 17. What steps are being taken to ensure increased communication with the community in the Northern Rivers on the issue of flood recovery?
- 18. Will residents who have spent their own money on raising or retrofitting their homes be eligible for reimbursements under the scheme?
- 19. Why is eligibility based on the 1 in 20 mapping rather than who was actually flooded?
- 20. Why does the data released under Questions on Notice state that 1,648 homes were flooded in the Tweed but only 1,339 applications were made to the Resilient Homes Program? Are there over 300 flooded homeowners who have not made applications?
- 21. What is the number of homes that were destroyed in landslides in the Northern Rivers broken down by suburb?
- 22. What is the number of homes that were impacted by being washed away in the Northern Rivers broken down by suburb?
- 23. How many temporary homes have been provided under the temporary housing program for flood-affected areas in NSW?

Independent Planning Commission (IPC)

- 24. What is the assessment criteria used to determine whether the Minister directs the IPC to hold a public hearing for any given project instead of a public meeting?

- (a) How many projects has the IPC made decisions about?
 - i. How many times has the IPC requested that the Government direct them to hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting?
- (b) What are the differences between the IPC holding a public meeting and a public hearing for any given project?
- (c) Is there any standing Government policy about the IPC that relates to public meetings and public hearings?
- (d) How times has the IPC been directed to hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting in the financial year:
 - i. 2017-2018?
 - ii. 2018-2019?
 - iii. 2019-2020?
 - iv. 2020-2021?
 - v. 2021-2022?
 - vi. 2022-2023?
 - vii. 2023-Current?
- (e) When directing the IPC to hold a public hearing, does the Government consider potential witnesses that might be required to give evidence that would otherwise be unwilling to?
- (f) For each occasion that the IPC was directed to hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting, how many entities were required to give evidence to the Commission?
 - i. How many times have the IPC failed to receive evidence from a person that they would have otherwise wanted to?
- (g) How many judicial reviews have been launched in response to decisions taken by the IPC after the Government directed the IPC to conduct a public hearing for a project instead of a public meeting?
 - i. How many have been successful?
- (h) How many appeals have been launched in response to decisions taken by the IPC on projects after public meetings have been held?
 - i. How many by the proponent?
 - ii. How many by anyone but the proponent?

25. How does the Minister receive advice as to whether to refer a project to the IPC for a public Hearing?
26. Has the Government had any communication with the IPC about the review of the Strategic Statement on Coal?
 - (a) Is there any responsibility for Planning and Public Spaces to communicate Government policy to the IPC?
27. What technical merit aspects inform advice provided by the Department to the Minister with regards to recommending a project be subject to a public hearing?
 - (a) Is there a particular team that is responsible for discussing technical merits of any given project with respect to advice that is then provided to the Minister about public hearings?
 - i. What is the team?

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Questions from the Hon. Tania Mihailuk MLC

Over Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project

28. Was any part of the EIS for the Over Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage ever amended while it was on exhibition during the 28-day period?
 - (a) If yes, why was it altered?
29. Were there any aboriginal artifacts removed from the project site?
 - (a) If yes, for what purpose?
 - (b) Where were they taken?
30. Where does the water supply for the village of Bellbrook come from and what studies have been undertaken to ensure the proposal will not impact water supply?
31. The Project includes 2 dams, yet recent water harvesting laws in NSW have changed water harvesting from 30% to 10%. How will this impact the project?
32. Have any alternatives to this Project been considered, including the use of batteries in Armidale as suggested by concerned residents?
33. Have you or your department calculated the exact power saving considering the Scheme indicated a \$7 to \$9 range per megawatt hour? How much will the average family benefit from this scheme in power savings a year?

Development Contribution Levy

34. Have any Developers or Housing Associations approached your Office or the Department of Planning to receive an exemption from the Housing and Productivity Contribution, or to advocate for a specific proposal to be exempt?
 - (a) If so, please provide details.
 - (b) If yes, will you rule out any exemptions?
35. Will the Housing and Productivity Contribution Fund report annually, including listing a collection of funds per local council area?
 - (a) Will the annual amount collected from the fund be made public?
 - (b) Will the amount collected by each local council area be annually reported on?
 - i. If not, then why not?

Energy - Renewable Projects

36. At the Australian Clean Energy Summit, the NSW Minister for Climate Change, Energy, and the Environment announced that NSW will “speed up the process” of constructing renewable energy projects and connecting them to the electricity network.
- (a) Will the fast-tracking of the approval processes impact upon the public consultation process with local communities?
 - (b) Please specify how you intend to fast-track the renewable infrastructure approval processes?

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Questions from the Hon. Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)

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NSW Planning Performance Dashboard

37. Can you confirm why the following data is not publicly available for each Council, how it can be obtained and when it will be available:
- (a) The number of Full Time Equivalent planners assessing DAs
 - (b) Breaking down DAs on the Portal by size/value and for residential DAs, on the number of dwellings.
 - (c) Reporting on assessment times and submitted-to-lodged times according to the breakdown by size/value and number of dwellings.
 - (d) Number of DA withdrawals by each Local Council.
 - (e) Capturing and including the time that assessment is paused for while RFIs are outstanding
 - (f) Number of RFIs issued
 - (g) Number of Land and Environment Court cases in each LGA

Issues with the NSW Planning Portal

38. How large is the backlog of enquiries to the Department relating to BASIX and the Planning Portal?
39. How many technical enquiries have been made to the Department since 1 October regarding the Planning Portal?
40. How many staff at DPE are responsible for resolving technical issues and P – tickets from the public?
41. Did DPE bring on additional staff to support customer service requests when the BASIX program was moved into the Planning Portal?

Housing and Productivity Contribution

42. The Housing and Productivity Contribution under the legislation is held by Treasury in a Special Deposits Account, how is the Housing and Productivity Contribution accounted for in the Budget?

43. Why is there a note showing appropriation revenue from the Digital Restart Fund (Special Deposit Account – Budget Paper 2, 4-2) and Transport for NSW Fund (Special Deposit Account – Budget Paper 2, 11-2), but not from the Housing and Productivity Fund (HAP Fund)?
44. Will you make publicly available the receipts into the special deposits account and the distributions from the account?
45. What is the yearly amount of housing and productivity contributions that the Government is budgeting to receive over the forward estimates?
 - (a) 2023/24
 - (b) 2024/25
 - (c) 2025/26
 - (d) 2026/27
46. What is the projected yearly expenditure from the Housing and Productivity Contribution over the forward estimates?
 - (a) 2023/24
 - (b) 2024/25
 - (c) 2025/26
 - (d) 2026/27

Infill Affordable Housing Sepp

47. Has the Minister considered easing any design constraints, such as overshadowing and sunlight requirements for infill developments?
48. How many properties are you projecting your changes to the in-fill affordable housing provisions of the Housing SEPP to deliver?
49. How many affordable properties are you expecting the in-fill affordable housing SEPP to deliver?
50. Where are you expecting housing under these provisions to be delivered?
51. Will you guarantee appropriate access to infrastructure, including public transport?
52. When will the revised policy be announced?
53. What are the changes between your announcement of 15 June and what will form part of the in-fill affordable housing provisions of the housing SEPP?

54. You indicated that applicants who qualified would get a “height bonus of 30% above local environment plans”, that has changed now, hasn’t it?

Rezoning around Transport Hubs

55. When considering the rezoning around transport hubs, are there classes or categories for all train and metro stations when considered by the Department, based on the patronage, number of services etc?

(a) If so, what are they?

Planners

56. How many urban planners are currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?
57. How many urban planners were employed by the Department of Planning and Environment on 24 March 2023?
58. How many urban planners were employed by the Department of Planning and Environment on 30 June 2022?
59. How many urban planners have been recruited by the Department of Planning and Environment since 5 April 2023 to present?
60. Given you have expanded the State Significant Development planning approval pathway with the changes to the affordable housing in-fill provisions, LAHC and AHO projects over 75 homes and Landcom projects over 75 homes with 50% affordable housing, how many planners have you hired to undertake these additional assessments?
61. Given Landcom now has the ability to self-assess affordable housing developments of up to 75 homes, how many planners have been hired by Landcom to fulfill this role?

Strong Start Cadetship Program

62. Do you have any plans to expand the Strong Start Cadetship program in the future?
63. Why was the “Strong Start Cadetship” Program limited to regional and rural councils, rather than all councils?
64. How many councils have made applications to this program?
- (a) If not, all applicable councils have made applications, why is this the case?

65. Have determinations been made as to the successful applicants?
 - (a) Has the money been paid?
66. Is the money paid to councils, the planners, or directly to pay off HECS debts?
67. When will the Strong Start Cadetship Program be reviewed, and an extension of the program considered?

Restructuring of the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority

68. How many urban planners were transferred from the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority to the Department of Planning and Environment after 27 June 2023 to present?
69. Did the Department of Planning and Environment, Greater Cities Commission or Western Parkland City Authority make any planners redundant after 27 June 2023?
70. Were there any redundancies made because of the redeployment of staff from the Greater Cities Commission and the Western Parklands City Authority to the Department of Planning?
 - (a) If yes, how many redundancies, what were the cost of those redundancies and what were the bands of the staff who were made redundant?
71. The Measures Statement in Budget Papers states that there have been “*savings associated with a restructuring of the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority to reduce overlap and duplication between planning agencies*”
 - (a) How much money has been saved?
 - (b) How many redundancies have there been in the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority?
 - (c) How many staff have been redeployed into the Department of Planning and Environment from the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority?
 - (d) What will happen to these staff when DPIE becomes the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure?
 - (e) How many staff have been transferred between agencies in the Department of Planning and Environment, by agency?

Housing Targets

72. Please list the councils throughout Greater Sydney who have met their housing targets and by how much for each of the following years:
- (a) FY 2018/19
 - (b) FY 2019/20
 - (c) FY 2020/21
 - (d) FY 2021/22
 - (e) FY 2022/23
73. Please list the councils outside of Greater Sydney who have met their housing targets and by how much for each of the following years:
- (a) FY 2018/19
 - (b) FY 2019/20
 - (c) FY 2020/21
 - (d) FY 2021/22
 - (e) FY 2022/23
74. Please provide a list of housing targets for each LGA in Greater Sydney for FY 2023/24
75. Please provide a list of housing targets for each LGA in NSW outside of Greater Sydney for FY 2023/24

Flood Reconstruction

76. Will the Government investigate changing planning laws to make it simpler, faster and cheaper, for low impact riverbank restoration due to flood damage?
77. For residents in South Lismore following last year's floods, what is the eligibility criteria to receive each of the following:
- (a) A buyback
 - (b) A house raising
 - (c) A waterproof fitout

Support for Hawkesbury City Council after Flooding

78. Hawkesbury City Council has made a request for funding to repair Cornwallis Drain under the Disaster Funding Recovery Arrangements with Council concluding the design works and waiting for a funding agreement to go to tender. Will funding from the NSW Government be made available to Hawkesbury City Council?
79. Following flooding, Hawkesbury City Council has requested an additional \$3 million to fund repairs of parks, reserves and Council-owned riverbanks. Will funding be forthcoming to Hawkesbury City Council?
80. Hawkesbury City Council is seeking \$9 million for urgent safety upgrades to the Pitt Town Evacuation Route. Will the NSW Government fund or deliver repairs?
81. It has been determined that the damage to Rising Main C was a result of the March 2021 flood in the Hawkesbury. Hawkesbury City Council has had to fund this interim cost and with evidence now demonstrating it was a result of flood damage, a letter was officially sent to the NSW Government on 28 February 2023, requesting funding assistance via urgent inclusion of Hawkesbury City Council to the same funding program as eight councils in the Northern Rivers region. Will funding for this purpose be forthcoming?

Development Application Withdrawals

82. Please provide how many Development Applications have been withdrawn by council, in each of the following years:
 - (a) FY 2020/21
 - (b) FY 2021/22
 - (c) FY 2022/23

Eastern Creek Speedway

83. How much did it cost to build the speedway?

Short Term Rental Accommodation

84. What is the stage of the review into short term rental accommodation regulations?
 - (a) When will we hear the findings of this review?
 - (b) Who is conducting this review?
 - (c) Has a panel or advisory board been established?

- (d) If so, who is on this advisory board?
 - (e) Has an interim report been provided to Government?
85. Has the Minister requested any modelling from his Department on how a similar tax to Victoria would work in NSW?
- (a) Would you share this modelling with Portfolio Committee 7?
 - (b) Has the Department informed you of how much money would be raised if a similar measure is adopted in NSW?
86. What is the figure?
87. Minister Jackson has stated the NSW Government “would be discussing with the Victorian Government what they have in mind”, have you engaged in any discussions with your Labor colleagues in Victoria about short term rental taxes?

Mobile Reception Requirements

The Commonwealth are considering new reforms to force adequate mobile phone reception in new developments.

88. What involvement have you or your Department had with the Commonwealth on this proposal?
89. Does the NSW Government support this proposal?
90. Are there existing standards in NSW for Mobile Phone reception in developments?
91. Is mobile phone reception assessed during the planning approval process?
92. If the Commonwealth proceeds with this measure, what changes need to be made to NSW legislation, if any?
93. Has the Minister considered taking action on mobile reception in new developments separately?
94. Has the Minister or Department consulted the telecommunications companies on this matter?
- (a) With knowledge that Communications is a Federal responsibility, has the NSW Government considered requirements for telcos with regard to mobile reception?
95. Would the Minister extend these standards to mobile internet reception?
96. What standards are there at present for internet reception in new developments?
- (a) If none, is the Minister considering implementing standards for internet reception?
 - (b) Has the Department canvassed the viability of this proposal, or how it may work?

Renewable Energy Roadmap

97. What changes have been made in the planning system to assist in delivering the Renewable Energy Roadmap?
98. Has the Government canvassed making any other changes in the Planning System to assist in delivering the Renewable Energy Roadmap?
99. What progress has the Government made, after accepting the recommendations of the O'Reilly Report with respect to renewable energy infrastructure, on each recommendation?

Wind Farms Decommissioning

100. When wind farms reach the end of their working lives, what mechanism are there for the swift and effective clearing of the land from the wind turbines?
101. Has the Government considered using any wind farm sites for housing, after they are decommissioned?
 - (a) If so, which sites?
102. How many wind farm sites are owned by the NSW State Government?
 - (a) Can you please provide a list of every windfarm site owned by the NSW State Government, by location with their size in hectares?
 - (b) What is the expected date that each of these sites will reach the end of their working lives?
 - (c) What planning is being done to determine what happens to these sites when the wind turbines stop?
 - i. How many years out does this planning start?
 - ii. Who in the Department is responsible for this process?

Evaluating Development Applications for Renewable Energy Projects

A report by Rystad Energy stated: "Planning departments are often rejecting the lodgement of DAs to satisfy internal timing metrics associated with evaluating DAs ... Multiple participants commented that this was a particular problem in NSW."

103. How do you respond to this statement?
104. How many Development Applications are there submitted right now for wind farms waiting for assessment?

(a) If there are many, why has a wind farm not been approved since 2021?

105. What measures have you taken to ensure that Planning departments are not rejecting DA's to solely satisfy internal DA assessment timing metrics?

(a) How about this on a broader basis with Housing?

(b) How about this with regard to renewable energy sites?

Planning Approval for "Tiny Homes"

There are some people prepared to install on their properties so called "Tiny Homes" which are produced off-site to provide more housing, at a cost of about \$110,000. This would be to rent out as a granny flat or the like. But they run into significant planning approval issues to allow semi-permanent dwellings on their properties.

106. Do you have any plans to enable a clearer planning pathway for "Tiny Homes"?

107. Will you work with councils to achieve this goal?

108. What work has the Department already conducted into planning pathways for "Tiny Homes"?

Regional Housing

109. Does the Government have a Regional Housing Strategy and can the Minister please outline the priorities of the Regional Housing Strategy?

(a) If not, is the Government developing a Regional Housing Strategy?

(b) If so, when will the Regional Housing Strategy next be updated?

110. Round 2 of applications for the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund have recently closed, is the Government considering a Round 3?

111. The previous Coalition Government adopted all recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce in August 2022, is the Government continuing this approach?

(a) What progress has the Government made on implementing all recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce?

Tree Canopy Cover Target

112. What is the Government's tree canopy cover target?

113. What actions is the Government taking to support the tree canopy cover target?

114. When was the tree canopy cover target last updated, and when will it next be updated?
115. How has the NSW Government worked with local government on planting more trees?
116. How many trees were planted across Greater Sydney in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24, by LGA?

Staffing in the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

117. Has the Minister ever asked the Premier for a larger staffing allocation?
118. Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces?
119. Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?
120. How many staff have left the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces since 5 April 2023, and what titles did they hold?
121. How many Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) are seconded to the Minister's office, and from which Departments?
 - (a) Did the Minister or any other Ministerial staff request that any specific individuals be appointed to his office as Departmental Liaison Officers?
 - i. If so, why?
 - (b) Have any of the Minister's Departmental Liaison Officers during his tenure been current or previous members of the Australian Labor Party?
 - (c) Did any of the Minister's Departmental Liaison Officers campaign for the Australian Labor Party at the 2022 Federal Election or the 2023 NSW State Election?
 - (d) Was the Minister aware of any former Departmental Liaison Officers who were members of the Australian Labor Party when they worked in the Minister's office?
 - (e) Did any of the Minister's former Departmental Liaison Officers campaign for the Australian Labor Party at the 2022 Federal Election or the 2023 NSW State Election?
 - (f) Have any Department Liaison Officers in the Minister's office engaged or are engaging in party political work and/or activities?
 - (g) Have any DLOs in the Minister's office been included in meetings where party political matters were discussed?

122. Did the Minister hire any staff to work in his ministerial office from a NSW Government Department (not including the Parliament of New South Wales)?
- (a) If so, how many?
 - (b) If so, which title(/s) do they hold and what Department were they hired from?
123. Have any of the Minister's Departmental Liaison Officers since he was appointed on 5 April 2023 later become advisors in the Minister's office?
124. Have any DLO positions been advertised publicly?
125. Have any recruitment services been engaged for the employment of DLOs?
- (a) If yes:
 - i. What companies were engaged?
 - ii. Were the positions advertised?
 - iii. What was the cost of the recruitment services?
 - iv. What was the cost of the advertising?
 - v. Were any individuals interviewed by the Minister or staff within the Minister's office?
 - vi. Were any DLOs subsequently employed?
 - vii. Were any DLOs employed on a contract or fixed term basis or were they employed as on-going departmental employees?

Correspondence

126. The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust wrote to you on 1 June 2023 and 14 July 2023 regarding the appointment and monitoring of private certifiers and have yet to receive a response.
- (a) Will you provide a response to the concerns raised by the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust?
 - (b) When will a response be provided to the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust?
127. How many pieces of correspondence has the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces received since 5 April 2023?
- (a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to since 5 April 2023?
 - (b) On average, how long does it take to respond to correspondence to your office?

Options on Land

128. Are statistics kept on how many options developers have for land with the intention to develop housing?

If not:

(a) Does the Department think this data would be helpful in ensuring that land is being developed?

(b) How might the Department consider collecting this data?

129. How many options on land have developers held in these months:

(a) January 2023

(b) February 2023

(c) March 2023

(d) April 2023

(e) May 2023

(f) June 2023

(g) July 2023

(h) August 2023

(i) September 2023

(j) October 2023

130. How many options on land have been forfeited in these months:

(a) January 2023

(b) February 2023

(c) March 2023

(d) April 2023

(e) May 2023

(f) June 2023

(g) July 2023

(h) August 2023

(i) September 2023

(j) October 2023

Department of Planning and Environment Capacity to Determine Planning Consent

131. How much capacity does the Department have to determine planning approvals?
- (a) Can the Department handle an influx of planning approvals being directed to the Department instead of local councils?
 - (b) Could the Department handle an LGA of 250,000 people having planning consent stripped from it?

Data Centres

132. Does the Government have a policy regarding the planning assessment of data centres?
- (a) If so, can the policy be outlined?
 - (b) If not, is the Government developing such a policy?
 - i. When can it be expected to be released?
133. What mechanisms are in place to assess the growing number of data centres across New South Wales?
134. Has the Minister or Department explored a specific SEPP or other avenue to assess data centres independent of the current assessment as warehouses?
135. These data centres need quite a lot of land, and will only become more popular in the future as AI develops further – what planning has the Department engaged in to ensure this land is available in NSW and companies aren't tempted to move interstate?
136. How does New South Wales policies in this area compare to that of other states and territories in Australia, and how are we ensuring we stay ahead of the game so we maintain the jobs and investment here in NSW?
137. What ongoing engagement does the Department have with the major stakeholders in this space, on data centres?

Priority Growth Areas and Precincts

138. What is the current status and progress made for the following priority growth areas and precincts?:

- (a) Bayside West Precincts
- (b) Burwood, Strathfield and Homebush
- (c) Camellia-Rosehill Precinct
- (d) Carter Street, Auburn
- (e) Cherrybrook Precinct
- (f) Church Street North, North Parramatta
- (g) Circular Quay Renewal
- (h) Explorer Street, Eveleigh
- (i) Frenchs Forest
- (j) Glenfield
- (k) Greater Macarthur
- (l) Greater Parramatta
- (m) Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek
- (n) Ingleside
- (o) Leppington
- (p) Lowes Street, Maryland
- (q) Macquarie Park
- (r) Marsden Park North
- (s) Northern Beaches Aboriginal Land
- (t) North West Growth Area
- (u) Orchard Hills
- (v) Parramatta CBD
- (w) Parramatta Road
- (x) Penrith Lakes
- (y) Pyrmont Peninsula
- (z) Rhodes
- (aa) Riverwood
- (bb) Seven Hills
- (cc) Schofields Town Centre
- (dd) South Creek West
- (ee) South Eveleigh Train Workshop
- (ff) South West Growth Area
- (gg) St Leonards and Crows Nest
- (hh) Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor

- (ii) Sydney Metro Northwest Urban Renewal Corridor
- (jj) Telopea
- (kk) Vineyard
- (ll) Waterloo South
- (mm) West Schofields
- (nn) Western Sydney Employment Area
- (oo) Western Sydney Aerotropolis
- (pp) Westmead
- (qq) Wianamatta South Creek
- (rr) Wilton

139. What is the percentage of precincts delivered within publicly stated timeframes in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24?
140. What is the next stage in development for all of these priority growth areas and precincts?
141. What is the projected housing growth for all of these priority growth areas and precincts, by due date?
142. What exact dollar figure does the Government plan to provision for the implementation of the Master Plan for each of the above in each of the following financial years:
- (a) FY 2023/24?
 - (b) FY 2024/25?
 - (c) FY 2025/26?
 - (d) FY 2026/27?

Commonwealth Funding Adjustment

Table A3.2 in the Budget Papers states the Variation details of appropriations during 2022-23. There was a Commonwealth funding adjustment of \$66,332,000 in the Department of Planning and Environment.

143. Can you explain the reason behind this funding adjustment and what the additional funding is being spent on?

Ministerial Priorities and Brief

144. Has the Minister provided a statement of Ministerial Priorities to the Department?

145. Can you please provide the most recent statement of Ministerial Priorities to Portfolio Committee 7?
146. Can you please provide the Incoming Minister's Brief provided to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in April 2023 to Portfolio Committee 7?

Land Transfer Costs

147. The Measures Statement in Budget Papers states that land transfer costs have been reduced in the Planning Ministerial Corporation.
- (a) How has this been achieved?
 - (b) How much money has been saved?

Department Staffing and Funding

148. The Measures Statement in Budget Papers states that there have been "administrative savings in the Department of Planning and Environment".
- (a) How much money has been saved?
 - (b) In which areas has money been saved and how much?
149. What is the current number of staff within the Department of Planning and Environment, by agency?
150. What was the number of staff within the Department of Planning and Environment, by agency
- (a) on 24 March 2023?
 - (b) on 30 June 2022?

Public Spaces Statistics

151. What is the number of residents per hectare of open space in every LGA in NSW?
152. What is the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes' walk of quality green, open and public space in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24?
153. What is the proportion of homes within 10 minutes' walk of quality green, open and public space for every LGA in New South Wales?
154. What is the amount of new and enhanced public spaces in square metres in the 1 – 3-year pipeline in precincts being developed in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24 by:

(a) Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation?

(b) Sydney Olympic Park Authority?

155. What is the amount of new and enhanced public spaces in square metres that have commenced construction in precincts being developed in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24 by:

(a) Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation?

(b) Sydney Olympic Park Authority?

Portfolio Outcomes

156. What is the percentage of NSW landmass subject to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests in FY 2022-23?

157. What is the area in kilometres squared of area in NSW covered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests in the sea in FY 2022-23?

158. In square metres what is the adaptive reuse of Government owned land (annualised quantum of Government land repurposed for social, economic, and environmental use) in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24?

159. What is the timeframe for state significant development assessments (including State

160. Significant Development or State Significant Infrastructure) on 30 June 2023 and forecast for FY 2023-24?

Zoned Capacity

161. Does the Department track zoned capacity that is yet to be built?

(a) If so, can the Department provide this information by LGA?

Various

162. Could the Minister please list the names of data sets that are being used for strategic planning purposes in the DCM?

(a) Which of these are publicly available?

163. The Budget stated that additional investments in the compliance systems of Revenue NSW for the collection of stamp duty and land tax – could the Department please explain what these additional investments are and how much the investments are worth?

164. Will you explore artificial intelligence-based value calculation models like the one Value Australia is offering, to improve efficiency and reduce the large costs associated with what is essentially today's manual valuation?
165. What AI tools is the Department using to develop strategic plans at a state and local level?
166. Has the Minister issued any permits to investigate a very fast train linking Sydney with other centres within or outside the state?
- (a) If yes, what were the conditions of the permits?
 - (b) If yes, at what locations?
 - (c) Are there any plans to issue such permits?
167. Does the Minister intend to undertake any activity under the Very Fast Train (Route Investigation) Act?
168. How have density precincts been determined?
169. What value uplift and value capture mechanisms are utilised to plan and maximise development?
170. As recommended by the NSW Productivity Commission, will the Minister be including a requirement to calculate any new regulation's contribution to building cost versus social benefit in policy?

OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

Agency Invoices

171. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
172. 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?
173. 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

174. 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?

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

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

Complaints

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

Consultants

177. 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?

178. 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?

179. 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?

Departmental Credit Cards

180. 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?

Department/Agency Staffing

181. 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?
182. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
183. 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?

184. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?
185. 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?
186. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
187. 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?
188. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
189. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?
190. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
191. 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?
192. 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?
193. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
194. 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?
195. 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?

Efficiency Dividends

196. 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

197. 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.

198. 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.

Hospitality

199. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
200. How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
201. Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
202. 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?

Labour Hire Firms

203. 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

204. 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)

205. 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)

206. 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?

207. 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?
208. 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?
209. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Merchant fees

210. 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.
211. 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.
212. 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

213. 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

214. 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

215. 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

216. 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

217. 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

218. 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

219. 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

220. What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

221. 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

222. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
223. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
224. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?
225. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?
226. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?
227. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?
228. 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?
229. 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?
- i. Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.
230. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?
- (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?
231. 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?

232. 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?
233. 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?
234. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- i. What is the cost of this?
235. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- i. If so, what was the cost of these items?
236. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
237. What brand of paper is used in your office?
- (a) Is it recycled paper?
 - (b) Is it Australian made paper?
238. 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?
239. 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?
 - (b) Who were they gifted to?
240. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

241. 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?
242. 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?

Overseas Trips

243. 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?
244. 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

245. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?
246. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?
247. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?
248. 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.
249. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
250. 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?

251. 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?

252. 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

253. 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.

Qantas

254. 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?

Training

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

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

256. 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

257. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

258. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?