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Supplementary questions

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The Legislature

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

Travel Costs for the Undergrounding Inquiry

1. Can you please provide the cost of the travel undertaken by the State Development Committee for the Undergrounding inquiry?

Library Services and Education

2. How does the Library innovatively support the Parliament?
3. How does the Research Service innovatively support the Parliament?
4. How do we support education and engagement in the Parliament?

Parliament Twinning Program

5. How does Parliament utilise its twinning program to support the enhancement of democracy in the region?

Level 6 Café and Dining Facilities

6. (a) Are there existing plans to renovate or refurbish the café and dining facilities on Level 6 of Parliament House, known as Café Quorum?
(b) If so:
 - i. Is this plan currently being progressed?
 - ii. Will the plan be progressed at any stage in the future?
 - iii. When can Members and staff expect the facilities to be renovated or refurbished?
 - iv. Has the Parliament received any feedback on the current quality of the café and dining facilities on Level 6?(c) If not:
 - i. Were there previous plans to renovate or refurbish the facilities that have since been abandoned?
 - ii. Was any such planned renovation or refurbishment previously approved?
 - iii. Has the Parliament received any feedback on the current quality of the café and dining facilities on Level 6?
7. With regard to the operating hours of Café Quorum on Level 6:
 - (a) Have there recently been any alterations to the operating hours, particularly to shorten the operating hours of the café?
 - (b) Have there recently been any proposed alterations to the operating hours, particularly any suggestions to shorten the operating hours of the café?

- (c) Has the Parliament considered the role of the Café as a critical service to Members and Staff during its irregular work hours, as opposed to being a business alone, in determining the café's current or planned operating hours?

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Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Parliament security passes

8. How many security passes enabling access to the Parliamentary precinct on Macquarie Street are currently on issue?
- (a) How many are on issue to former members?
 - (b) How many are on issue to ministerial drivers?
 - (c) How many are on issue to authorised media representatives excluding those in the NSW Press Gallery?
 - (d) How many are on issue to members' spouses/partners/family members?
 - (e) How many are on issue to volunteers?
 - (f) How many are on issue to interns?
 - (g) How many are on issue to contractors?
 - i. How many are on issue to catering casuals?
 - ii. How many are on issue to building contractors?
 - (h) How many are on issue to lobbyists?
 - i. Please list each lobbyist with a pass, including the organisation they represent and the person recorded as providing them with the authorisation/signature required to obtain the pass.

Broderick Review

9. Please list each of the Broderick Review recommendations for which the PEG is responsible for implementing, with the status of implementation for each recommendation.

Parliament-specific rules

10. What specific exemptions does Parliament have from NSW and/or Federal laws that apply in other workplaces?
11. Is smoking permitted anywhere within the Parliamentary precinct?