

Supplementary Questions

Questions from Hon. Dr. Amanda Cohn MLC

Sport

Level the Playing Field

Q.1 – I am advised: The NSW Government will announce budget details of grant funding for the sport portfolio in the 2024/2025 NSW Budget.

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

Small Business

Engineered Stone

Q.2 - I am advised: The Minister for Work Health and Safety and SafeWork NSW are leading the NSW Government response to the prohibition on engineered stone.

This question should be directed to the Minister for Work Health and Safety.

Q.3 - I am advised: Work, Health and Safety Ministers will be working with the Commonwealth to deliver support as necessary. It should be noted that equipment such as wet cutters are required for many other materials outside of engineered stone. The Minns Government strongly supports the ban on use of engineered stone in Australia.

In opposition Labor promised that we would take the strongest possible action to protect vulnerable workers against the scourge of silicosis and we are delivering on that commitment.

As members would be aware on 13 December last year all Work, Health and Safety Ministers across the country agreed to prohibit the use, supply and manufacture of all engineered stone.

This prohibition will commence in NSW from 1 July 2024.

Work, Health and Safety Ministers also agreed that there is a need for a transition period for contracts entered into on or before 13 December 2023.

Details are expected to be settled by WHS Ministers at the next meeting in March 2024.

As outlined in the Communique provided after the 13 December meeting, Work, Health and Safety Ministers are scheduled to meet again in March 2024 to:

- settle arrangements for a transition period for contracts entered into on or before 13 December 2023,
- endorse amendments to the model WHS laws to give effect to the prohibition,
- settle a national framework for working with previously installed engineered stone products,
- endorse policy parameters on stronger regulations for crystalline silica processes, and
- endorse a process for assessing products to be considered as exempt from the prohibition.

The outcomes of the March meeting will be communicated to both the public and industry immediately after the meeting.

Q.4 – I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 3.

Energy support for small business

Q.5 - I am advised: This NSW Labor Government understands small businesses are currently facing a range of challenges after being neglected by the former Coalition Government for 12 years.

The NSW Labor Government is delivering ‘cost of doing business’ relief. We have already delivered on our commitment to provide energy relief with a \$650 rebate to more than 320,000 small businesses using less than 100 megawatt hours per year.

We are also delivering toll relief to more than 700,000 families and businesses across the state, capping tolls at \$60/week.

The NSW Labor Government also launched the grants and funding finder bringing over 500 grants and rebates from 46 agencies into one place.

We want to make doing business easier, and we want to make help more accessible which is why we created the Service NSW Business Bureau. The Service NSW Business Bureau will be the focal point for business support.

The Bureau will deliver key programs and services, including

- Supporting businesses to navigate regulations,
- Tackling unproductive red tape
- Providing businesses with access support to grow their business, and
- Delivering greater access to government contracts and overseas markets.

The NSW Business Bureau will also provide businesses across the state with a direct voice to Government, because we want to give businesses a fair shot.

We have also delivered the Charter for Small Business, a first-of-its-kind agreement with the Business community to ensure we are working for the Small Businesses in this state, and they are considered at key decision points in government.

The NSW Labor Government wants to see small businesses grow and thrive. To help support this vision we are boosting NSW Government procurement from small businesses.

This includes:

- lifting the direct procurement threshold, from \$150,000 to \$250,000, meaning a greater share of Government business for small business
- simplifying contracts and process, giving time back to our time poor small businesses; and,
- adding a local supplier element to tender weighting, to ensure we are supporting our local businesses.

Unlike the former Government, the NSW Labor Government is ready to back local small businesses.

Small business charter

Q.6 – I am advised: Please refer to page 75 and 76 of the transcript.

Small Business Strategy

Q.7 - I am advised: Rural and regional businesses will benefit from the range of actions in The Charter and Action Plan, which have a state-wide application. Rural and regional businesses will benefit from the commitments under the Charter including reducing red tape, increasing procurement and export opportunities and free personalised support from the Business Bureau.

The Business Bureau was launched last year (in October 2023) and supports regional and rural businesses through its Business Concierge and business advisory services which are available across NSW. The Bureau works with businesses at a time and place convenient to them. The Bureau also provides a Business Profile personalised account for businesses to manage their interactions with the NSW Government in one place.

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Q.8 – I am advised: The Service NSW Business Bureau will identify opportunities to reduce red tape. The Bureau will also reduce red tape through one-to-one advice to businesses on matters including starting a business and complying with regulation. Business concierges provide advice on regulatory requirements across a range of NSW agencies. The Bureau's Business Profile Licence manager enables businesses to manage their licences all in one place. These measures can save businesses time and effort and assist in avoiding duplication of processes.

Q.9 – I am advised: The Service NSW Business Bureau was launched in October 2023. Please refer to page 74 of the transcript.

Lands and Property

Crown Lands and Aboriginal Land Claims

Q.10 – I am advised: Crown Lands works in partnership with Local Aboriginal Land Councils to prioritise claims. This practice ensures Crown Lands can target its resources toward claims that deliver practical outcomes to Land Councils, in alignment with the intent of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

The majority of claims under active assessment have been prioritised by Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Q.11 - I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 12.

Q.12 - I am advised: As at 29 February 2024: 38,405

(a) As at 29 February 2024: 278

(b) As at 29 February 2024: 176

Q.13 - I am advised: The intent of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 is to provide compensation to Aboriginal communities for the dispossession of their land. The Act provides Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council with the statutory right to lodge claims on Crown land. Crown Lands has no control over the number of claims that are lodged.

Crown Lands has assigned additional staff to work on land claim assessments.

The prioritisation of claims assessed has also been improved. Crown Lands collaborates closely with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and Local Aboriginal Land Councils to prioritise claims.

Crown Lands is constantly reviewing and updating procedures on Aboriginal land claim assessments as case law evolves and feedback is received from Land Councils and other Stakeholders, which has increased efficiency in land claim determinations.

Crown Lands is also negotiating several Aboriginal land agreements, which may settle multiple Aboriginal land claims and return of land to Aboriginal people.

Q.14 – I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 14.

Q.15 - I am advised: The length of time taken for each claim is dependent on the complexity of each individual claim. However, as a rule of thumb from the date an assessment commences the average timeframe can be between 6 to 9 months. This allows for referencing to external stakeholders the mandatory 4-month appeals period required under Land and Environment Court rules.

Q.16 - I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 10.

Q.17 - I am advised:

Cooma

Address: Polo Flat Road Cooma

No. of dwellings: 177 in total (with 50 social/affordable = 28.2%)

Type of dwellings: Dual occupancy/low rise apartments

Date announced: 9 February 2022

Date started: February 2022

Status of Progress: Master Planning is complete. Homes NSW is seeking to progress acquisition of the site pending finalisation of Native Title notification obligations. Civil works for the subdivision are expected to commence Q3 2024.

Estimated completion (handover of completed homes): Q2 2027

Forbes

Address: Farnell and Dawson Streets, Forbes

No. of dwellings: 132 in total (with 40 social/affordable = 30.3%)

Type of dwellings: Dual occupancy/low rise apartments

Date announced: 5 March 2023

Date started: March 2023

Status of Progress: Master Planning is complete, with community consultation sessions completed during February 2024. Homes NSW is seeking to progress acquisition of the site pending finalisation of Native Title obligations. Civil works for the subdivision are expected to commence Q2 2025.

Estimated Completion (handover of completed homes): Q4 2027

North Tuncurry

Address: The Lakes Way, North Tuncurry

No. of dwellings: 2123 in total (424 social/affordable = 20%)

Type of dwellings: various typology including detached dwellings, dual occupancy and apartment style living

Date announced: 2011

Status of Progress: Rezoning of the site for residential purposes was achieved in March 2023. Currently progressing terms between Crown Lands and Landcom that will enable Landcom to proceed to DA stage.

Estimated completion (handover of completed homes): 2027 for initial stage. Large lot project that will be a staged release over two decades.

Sites which are subject to ongoing due diligence and feasibility assessment include:

- Wodonga Place, Albury
- Piper Street, Tamworth
- Toallo Street, Pambula
- Water Street, Greta

Q.18 - I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 19.

Q.19 - I am advised: The Aboriginal Land Claims Assessment Team consists of 20 FTE. Of these 15 are assessment officers. The remaining 5 perform administration, reviewing and supervisory functions.

Q.20 - I am advised:

- a) 31 December 2023 – 38,544
- b) 30 June 2023 – 38,339
- c) 31 December 2022 - 38,431
- d) 30 June 2022 – 38,385
- e) 31 December 2021 – 38,257
- f) 30 June 2021 – 38,095
- g) 31 December 2020 – 37,715
- h) 30 June 2020 – 36,769

Q.21 - I am advised: Crown Lands has invested resources into a project to assess the oldest 1000 claims. This has assisted to address historical claims from the 1980s. There are two claims outstanding from 1984. Crown Lands is working with the relevant Land Councils on these two complex claims.

Q.22 - I am advised: There has been no reduction in staff. The team consists of 20 FTE. Of those 15 are assessment officers. The remaining 5 perform administration, reviewing and supervisory functions.

Q.23 - I am advised: Staff numbers are included in the annual reports of agencies and departments. Staff salaries are set by relevant awards, largely the Crown Employees (Public Sector –Salaries) award.

Q.24 – I am advised: Crown Lands’ rent redetermination program is based on calendar years.

For the 2023 calendar year, 5,253 rent redeterminations were applied.

In the calendar year 2024, 2,331 accounts will have rents redetermined.

Q.25 - I am advised: For calendar year 2023, 5,253 accounts had their rents redetermined. Concessions expire and are reassessed when rents are redetermined. Of the 5,253 accounts, 1,192 accounts were granted a concession.

Q.26 - I am advised: For calendar year 2023, 5,253 accounts had their rents redetermined. Of the 5,253 accounts, 1,104 accounts were assessed for hardship and provided with either a form of waiver or payment plan.

Q.27 - I am advised: For calendar year 2023, the total increase in rents from the rent redetermination program was \$7.26 million, with a \$3.03 million increase in concessions granted resulting in a net gain of \$4.23 million.

For the 3-month period between 1 November 2023 to 31 January 2024, 873 accounts were redetermined resulting in a total rent increase of \$142,998 and net increase of \$96,809 after concessions were granted.

Q.28 – I am advised: The \$4.23 million in revenue has been deployed in offsetting Crown Lands operational costs including bush fire trail remediation.

Q.29 - I am advised: For calendar year 2023, the average rent increase was \$1,381 and the average net increase was \$805 after concessions were granted.

For the 3-month period between 1 November 2023 to 31 January 2024, the average rent increase was \$164 and the average net increase was \$110 after concessions were granted.

Q.30 - I am advised: Crown Lands' rent redetermination program is based on calendar years.

The calendar year 2024 rent redetermination program covers 2,331 accounts, this includes 1,666 accounts carried forward from last calendar year.

Government audit of public land

Q.31 – I am advised: Details identifying individual lots as part of the Land Audit are Cabinet in Confidence.

Q.32 - I am advised: Following due diligence on sites and selection by the housing delivery agencies, transfers require a decision of Government. Subsequently, the housing delivery agency will undertake any further detailed due diligence required, inclusive of key stakeholder consultation, to enable realisation of the planning pathway identified to develop the site for housing.

Q.33 - I am advised: The release of land is dependent on decisions of Government.

Q.34 – I am advised: Delivering more housing for the people of NSW is not something the NSW Government can do alone. Improving housing supply in NSW will require all levels of government to work together in partnership with the private sector. Consistent with statements made prior to the

election, the NSW Government will consider partnering with the private sector to deliver housing where doing so represents value for money to the State and where it will deliver better outcomes than the State could deliver by itself. Housing delivered on surplus government land will be subject to the Government's election commitment that 30% will be social and affordable housing.

Catholic Cemeteries Trust

Q.35 - I am advised: The Crown Land Management Amendment (Reserve Trusts) Regulation 2024 came into effect on 23 February 2024.

It was accompanied by Parliamentary Counsel's opinion that the regulation could be legally made.

This regulation defers CMCT's transition day from 29 February 2024 to 1 July 2024.

Q.36 – I am advised: Given a judgment was expected in February 2024 and the regulation was due to expire on 29 February 2024 advice was sought in advance of the judgment being handed down.

Q.37 - I am advised: Yes.

Q.38 - I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 37.

Q.39 - I am advised: The judgment *Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust v Attorney General of New South Wales* [2024] NSWCA 30 found that a charitable trust exists over the proceeds derived from burying the dead of the Roman Catholic denomination in the Catholic portion of Rookwood Cemetery. This charitable trust is not controlled by the State.

The extent to which the judgment affects NSW Treasury's assessment of CMCT's status is a question for NSW Treasury.

Q.40 - I am advised: This question is best directed to the Treasurer and NSW Treasury.

CMCT is the Crown land manager for the cemeteries at Rookwood Catholic, Liverpool, Varroville, Kemps Creek and Wallacia (CMCT Cemeteries). CMCT's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 as filed with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission value the CMCT Cemeteries land at \$88.4 million, not \$370 million.

Q.41 - I am advised: No. CMCT is the only remaining transitional reserve trust.

Metropolitan Memorial Parks Board

Q.42 - I am advised: Please refer to page 87 of the transcript.

Q.43 - I am advised: Please refer to page 87 of the transcript.

Q.44 - I am advised: Please refer to page 87 of the transcript.

Q.45 – I am advised: The Public Service Commission determined the annual remuneration level for the board at \$70,000 for the chair and \$40,000 for members. This equates to a total remuneration cost of \$270,000 per annum or \$810,000 for three years.

Q.46 - I am advised: The cost of developing Macarthur Memorial Park is estimated to be approximately \$41.7 million to date. There will be no cost to the NSW taxpayer as the costs of developing the cemetery will be fully covered by CMCT.

CMCT is working towards an opening date of March 2025.

Q.47 – I am advised: A new Crown cemetery, Macarthur Memorial Park, is being developed at Varroville in Sydney's southwest which will create up to 136,000 burial plots.

More supply within Sydney is needed to meet community needs and expectations of affordable and accessible burial options. The NSW Government is considering opportunities to generate more supply at existing Crown cemetery sites and working to identify land that could be suitable for new Crown cemeteries within the Sydney region.

Multiculturalism

Grants recipients

Q.48 – I am advised: The information provided to Budget Estimates in 2023 also included Project Grants. The correct figure for 2022-23 for festivals and events is 352, as reflected in the Multicultural NSW Annual Report.

Q.49 - I am advised: No.

COMPLAN

Q.50 – I am advised: The COMPLAN Response phase occurs in response to a situation that threatens community harmony. The response phase includes specific measures to counter divisive influences, limit harmful consequences, and provide support and relief for affected persons and communities. These measures are listed in the publicly available plan.

COMPLAN Response phase arrangements have been implemented in response to various situations since the plan came into effect in late 2017.

Multicultural NSW committed to reviewing COMPLAN as part of its 2021-2025 strategic plan, Stronger Together. The initial review found COMPLAN arrangements remain fit for purpose and has not recommended any substantial revisions.

Q.51 - I am advised: Please refer to answer for Question 50.

Q.52 - I am advised: The Community Relations Report 2023 will be tabled in Parliament prior to 5 June 2024.

Chaplaincy Services

Q.53 – I am advised: Responsibility for the Chaplaincy Services at prisons and hospitals is held by the Minister for Corrections and the Minister for Health and Regional Health.

The issue of chaplaincy services has been raised by the NSW Faith Affairs Council and Multicultural NSW has referred this issue to NSW Health.

Q.54 - I am advised: Funding for the Chaplaincy Services at prison and hospitals is the responsibility of the Minister for Corrections and the Minister for Health and Regional Health.

Q.55 – I am advised: The issue of chaplaincy services has been raised by the NSW Faith Affairs Council and Multicultural NSW has referred this issue to NSW Health.

GROW Pilot Program

Q.56 – I am advised: Staff numbers are included in the annual reports of agencies and departments.

Q.57 - I am advised: Multicultural NSW provides updates to my office on request or when project processes or outcomes require it.

Q.58 - I am advised: An independent evaluation partner has been selected via a selection process and the initial evaluation process has commenced.

Q.59 - I am advised: The report will be provided upon completion of the evaluation and assessment of the findings by Multicultural NSW.

Q.60 - I am advised: Both the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations have representatives on the GROW Pilot Program Steering Committee. My office has communicated with the Federal Government regarding collaboration on newcomer settlement.

Q.61 - I am advised: Due to adjusted program timeframes arising from COVID-19 implications across 2020 and 2021, NSW GROW will be delivered over a four-year period from 2020/21 – 2023/24. The GROW pilot program will now come to an end on 30th November 2024.

Q.62 - I am advised: Please refer to answer to Question 61.

Interpreter and Translation Services

Q.63 – I am advised: Multicultural NSW provides language services in the following languages: Aceh (Acehnese), Akan (Twi), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Assyrian, Auslan, Azari, Azerbaijani, Bengali / Bangla, Bielorrussian, Bislama, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chaldean, Chinese, Chinese-Cantonese, Chinese-Chiu Chow, Chinese-Fuzhou, Chinese-Hakka, Chinese-Hokkien, Chinese-Mandarin, Chinese-Min Nan, Chinese-Shanghainese, Chin-Hakka, Cook I Maori, Croatian, Czech, Dari, Dinka, Dutch, Estonian, Fiji hindi (Fijian Hindustani), Fijian, Filipino (Tagalog), Finnish, French, Fulfulde, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hazaragi, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Igbo, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Khmer, Kinyarwanda, Kiribati, Kirundi, Korean, Krio, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kurdish (Sorani), Kurdish southern (Feyli), Lao, Lingala, Macedonian, Malay, Malayalam, Maltese, Mongolian, Montenegrin, Nepalese, Nigerian (Igbo), Oromo, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Pidgin English, Polish, Portuguese, Pukapukan, Punjabi, Rohingya, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Serbian, S'gaw Karen, Sierra Leone, Sinhalese, Slovak, Somali, Spanish, Sudanese Arabic, Swahili (Kiswahili), Swahili Congo, Tamil, Telugu, Temne, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Tok Pisin (Pidgin PNG), Tongan, Turkish, Uighur, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, West African Pidgin English and Zo (Zomi)

The number of interpreters and translators' changes on a regular basis.

Q.64 - I am advised: Yes, Multicultural NSW Language Services is actively working with other agencies and departments to become their preferred provider of language services.

Q.65 - I am advised: Multicultural NSW has memoranda of understanding to provide language services to NSW Police, Service NSW, Revenue NSW, and NSW Courts Services.

Q.66 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 63 for information on Multicultural NSW language services.

Questions about NSW Health should be directed to the Minister for Health.

Q.67 - I am advised: The Scholarships Program increases the number of translators and interpreters who can complete formal training that meets the pre-requisites for NAATI certification. NAATI provides a directory of all NAATI certified interpreters and translators on its website. This directory can be accessed when an interpreter or translator in a particular language is not currently employed by Multicultural NSW.

Remove Hate from the Debate

Q.68 - I am advised: A review of Remove Hate from the Debate is complete and a new program is now in development.

Q. 69 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 68.

Q.70 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 68.

Q.71 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 68.

Q.72 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 68.

Q.73 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 68.

Q.74 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 68.

Multicultural Media

Q.75 - I am advised: In 2023 the Department of Customer Service and Multicultural NSW carried out a review of NSW advertising in multicultural media. This included:

- analysis of NSW Government multicultural media advertising since 2019
- a review of the NSW Government Multicultural and Aboriginal advertising policy
- engagement with independent multicultural media and publishers to understand their opportunities and challenges
- an assessment of media placement models with and without intermediaries to advertise with independent multicultural media.

A survey of multicultural and Aboriginal media outlets received 85 responses on challenges they are facing and opportunities they can provide to the NSW Government.

Ten in-depth interviews were carried out with stakeholders.

The Department of Customer Service and Multicultural NSW have also met on multiple occasions with the Independent Multicultural Media Association.

This consultation led to ten recommendations outlined in the Multicultural Media Report which has been endorsed by NSW Cabinet. The report can be accessed on the NSW Government website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/communications/inclusive-advertising>.

Q.76 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.77 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.78 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.79 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.80 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.81 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.82 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.83 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

Q.84 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 75.

SPORT

Unite Round

Q.85 – I am advised: The responsibility for the Unite Round is held by the Minister for Jobs and Tourism.

Q.86 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 85.

Q.87 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 85.

Q.88 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 85.

Q.89 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 85.

Q.90 - I am advised: Ministers' Diary Disclosures are published on The Cabinet Office website. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/accessto-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>

Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program

Q.91 – I am advised: 194 applications were received in 2022/23 for 291 defibrillators (129 applications were successful funding 191 AEDs across 67 electorates). Note: In 2022/23, applicants could request funding for up to three AEDs. In 2023/24, 251 applications were received (193 were successful funding 193 AEDs across 47 electorates). The electorate data provided below is based on the electorate where the applicant indicated the AED will be kept.

Please note, the electorate list below reflects the former and current electorate names as at the time of funding. Also, where no application was received in either round the Electorate is blank.

Electorate	2022/23		2023/24	
	Successful	Submitted	Successful	Submitted
Albury	1	4	4	6
Auburn			3	3
Badgerys Creek				
Ballina	3	4		
Balmain	1	1		1
Bankstown	1	1		
Barwon	11	11	16	19
Bathurst	1	3	9	10
Baulkham Hills		2		
Bega	4	7	11	13
Blacktown			1	1
Blue Mountains		1		
Cabramatta	3	3	2	2
Camden	2	4		
Campbelltown		4	3	3
Canterbury	1	1	1	1
Castle Hill				1
Cessnock	2	3	7	9
Charlestown	1	2	1	1
Clarence	4	4	1	1
Coffs Harbour	2	4	2	3
Coogee	1	1		

OFFICIAL

Cootamundra	3	7	8	11
Cronulla	2	2		
Davidson	5	8		
Drummoyne	6	8		
Dubbo	6	9	15	15
East Hills	3	3		
Epping				
Fairfield				
Gosford	1	3	1	2
Goulburn	2	4	1	2
Granville		1		1
Hawkesbury	1	1	2	4
Heathcote	1	2		
Heffron		2		
Holsworthy	2	3	2	2
Hornsby		3		
Keira	1	3		
Kellyville				
Kiama	5	6	3	4
Kogarah	2	3		
Lake Macquarie	2	3	7	9
Lakemba	3	3		
Lane Cove	5	5		1
Leppington				
Lismore	3	3	8	10
Liverpool			3	3
Londonderry	2	2	1	3
Macquarie Fields		1		1
Maitland	6	7	2	3
Manly		3		
Maroubra				
Miranda	1	2		
Monaro	2	4	2	2
Mount Druitt	1	2		
Mulgoa	5	6		
Murray	8	8	4	4
Myall Lakes	2	2	4	5
Newcastle	1	2	1	1
Newtown				
North Shore				
Northern Tablelands	3	5	11	11
Oatley	6	6		

Orange	4	4	4	4
Oxley	7	8	3	6
Parramatta				
Penrith	1	1	4	4
Pittwater	1	4		
Port Macquarie	3	6	6	8
Port Stephens	3	3	3	3
Prospect		2		
Riverstone	2	3		
Rockdale	4	5		
Ryde				
Seven Hills	1	2		
Shellharbour		1	2	2
South Coast	1	2	2	6
Strathfield				
Summer Hill		1		
Swansea	4	5	3	5
Sydney	1	1	2	2
Tamworth	3	5	6	9
Terrigal	6	7		
The Entrance	2	2	1	3
Tweed	5	6	1	1
Upper Hunter	2	8	5	8
Vaucluse	3	3		
Wagga Wagga	1	3	7	11
Wahroonga				
Wakehurst		3		
Wallsend			4	4
Willoughby	1	1		
Winston Hills				
Wollondilly	4	7		
Wollongong	1	2	2	2
Wyong	3	4	2	5

Q.92 – I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 91.

Q.93 – I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 91.

Q.94 – I am advised: The Office of Sport had a communications strategy to promote the 2024 Local Sport Defibrillator Program. The communications strategy provided sport and recreation clubs and incorporated organisations with information and resources on the program and how to apply for a

grant. Information and resources were shared across the Office of Sport's communications channels, including its website, social media accounts and via electronic direct mail.

Q.95 – I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 91.

Q.96 – I am advised:

1. Please select your organisation type
 - a. Incorporated, not for profit club, association or organization in NSW that are sport or recreation related
 - b. State or National sport or recreation organizations on behalf of member clubs located in NSW
 - c. Licenced sporting or recreation club, providing that the AED package directly benefits sport and recreation members or participants
 - d. Council and sport and recreation facility owners provided they apply on behalf of sport or recreation clubs
 - e. Service clubs such as Rotary, Country Women's Association and Lions, provided they apply on behalf of sport or recreation clubs
2. Organisation Name
3. Primary Address
4. Postal Address
5. Primary Phone Number
6. Other phone number
7. Email address
8. Website
9. Please detail the primary activities of the applicant organization
10. I understand that if the application is successful, the organization is required to provide a copy of our Public Liability Insurance cover of at least \$5million
11. Does the applicant organization have an Australian Business Number (ABN)?
12. What is the ABN?
13. Is your organisation incorporated with any of the following:
 - a. NSW Fair Trading
 - b. ASIC
 - c. ACNC
 - d. ORIC
14. Applicant Organisation Incorporation Number
15. Primary Contact Name
16. Primary Contact Position
17. Primary phone number
18. Primary contact email
19. Secondary applicant project contact name
20. Applicant project contact position
21. Applicant project contact primary phone number
22. Applicant project contact primary email
23. Project Title
24. Brief Description
25. Anticipated start date
26. Anticipated end date
27. Primary location of your initiative

28. Postcode where the AED will be kept
29. Have you received funding for an AED/s under a previous round of the local Sport Defibrillator Program?
30. For licenced clubs only – where within your facility will the AED be kept?
31. Will there be any other clubs/organisations who will have access to the AED? If yes, who?
32. Please select your device
33. Please select your package
34. Which gender group will the project primarily benefit?
35. Which identified age group will the project primarily benefit
36. What is the primary community (if any) that your project demonstrates benefit to?
37. Does your project demonstrate benefit to any other communities?
38. Which of the following represents your highest competition training level?
39. Please select your primary sport beneficiary
40. Does the project have any other beneficiaries? If yes please select all that apply.
41. Authorisation and declaration
42. Is your organization aware of the NSW Child Safe Scheme?
43. Is your organization working to embed the 10 Child Safe Standards in its systems, policies and processes?
44. Would you like to receive information in future from the Office of Sport by electronic direct mail about future or repeat programs or other resources available from the Office of Sport that may be of interest to your organization? If yes – email address
45. How did you find the online application process?
46. How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?
47. Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.

Q.97 - I am advised: The program was closed on 16 January 2024.

Q.98 - I am advised: 23 February 2024, or the date on which the allocated funding was exhausted, whichever was earlier.

Q.99 – I am advised: The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program Guidelines provided that the program would close when funding was exhausted. The Office of Sport notified the sport and recreation sector of the program’s closure via its communications channels. This included directly contacting organisations that had commenced but had not yet completed an application for funding.

Q.100 – I am advised: The budget for the Program from 2022 onward was reduced by the previous government to \$500 000 per annum.

Q.101 - I am advised: The Guidelines for the program are reviewed annually prior to the program opening for that respective year.

Q.102 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 101.

Q.103 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 101.

Q.104 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 101.

Moore Park Golf Course

Q.105 - I have been working closely with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on a range of matters including the Moore Park Golf Course.

Q.106 - I am advised: A representative of the Office of Sport attended a consultation workshop on Moore Park South on 5 March, which was held by Greater Sydney Parklands (a NSW Government agency within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure).

Q.107– I am advised: The responsibility for the Moore Park Golf Course is held by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

Q.108 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 107.

Q.109 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 107.

Q.110 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 107.

Transition from Venues Live to Venues NSW

Q.111 – I am advised: The feasibility study identified significant savings could be achieved through economies-of-scale and operational efficiencies with one face to market that would reduce the annual financial burden on the NSW taxpayer.

Q.112 – I am advised: Roles that did not move over to Venues NSW, or the new catering provider, were retained by VenuesLive. Those staff in positions deemed excess by VenuesLive and unable to be redeployed into their NSW or WA operations were paid a redundancy.

Q.113 – I am advised: \$1.1 million.

Q.114 – I am advised: Yes.

Q.115 – I am advised: No.

South Sydney and Canterbury Bulldogs

Q.116 - I am advised: Yes. There would be an impact on longstanding contractual commitments including naming rights, commercial sponsorships, memberships and, in turn, the many small and medium-sized businesses that support stadium operations.

Q.117 - I am advised: Yes. There would be an impact on longstanding contractual commitments including naming rights, commercial sponsorships, memberships and, in turn, the many small and medium-sized businesses that support stadium operations.

Q.118 – I am advised: No. Following the NSW Government’s decision in 2020 to not proceed with the Accor Stadium redevelopment, in the lead-up to the Allianz Stadium opening in 2022, there was media commentary about a Rabbitohs move but, to the best of Venues NSW’s knowledge, there was no formal approaches seeking relocation.

Q.119 - I am advised: Venues NSW is committed to fulfilling its contractual arrangements with the Rabbitohs until 2030.

Q.120 – I am advised: Venues NSW is committed to fulfilling its contractual arrangements with the Bulldogs until 2030.

Roof at Accor and Allianz Stadium

Q.121 - I am advised: No. The final business case will be part of a submission to Cabinet and hence will be classified Cabinet in Confidence.

Q.122 – I am advised: No.

Q.123 - I am advised: Completion of the Infrastructure NSW gateway review process is determined by Infrastructure NSW.

Q.124 - I am advised: The report will be part of a submission to Cabinet and hence will be classified Cabinet in Confidence.

Q.125 - I am advised: Venues NSW was allocated \$5 million in the 2022/23 NSW Budget to develop a business case for the installation of a retractable roof at Accor Stadium.

Q.126 - I am advised: Work on the business case began in August, 2022.

Active Kids

Q.127 - I am advised: The Active Kids program was cut by the former Liberal/National Government. The former Liberal/National Government allocated no funds for the program in the four-year forward estimates. The NSW Labor Government made the responsible decision to continue the voucher as a means-tested program to ensure those that most in need of cost-of-living relief can access it.

As the Active Kids and Creative Kids voucher programs have merged, delivery of Active and Creative Kids vouchers now falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

Q.128 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 127.

Q.129 - I am advised: The Cost of Living Hub provides access to advice and support from the NSW Government <https://www.nsw.gov.au/money-and-taxes/cost-of-living-hub>

Q.130 - I am advised: Up to 11,745.

Q.131 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 127.

Q.132 - I am advised: The Office of Sport Senior Management directly contacted the Chief Executives of key State Sporting Organisations in November 2023 to advise them about the requirements of registering for the new program.

The Office of Sport worked with the Department of Customer Service to send email communication to all approved providers of the former program on 4 December 2023 with information about the new Active and Creative Kids voucher program, including the requirement to re-register.

Q.133 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 127.

Q.134 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 127.

Q.135 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 127.

First Lap

Q.136 - I am advised: 87,273, as at 11 March 2024.

Q.137 - I am advised: 143,776.

Q.138 - I am advised: 57,217, as at 11 March 2024.

Q.139 - I am advised: 111,280.

Q.140 - I am advised: 570.

Q.141 - I am advised: Yes, it has increased.

Office of Sport Grant Program

Q.142 - I am advised: Funds were put towards the full 2023 Election Commitments program.

Q.143 – I am advised: No.

Office of Sport

Q.144 – I am advised: Staff numbers are included in the annual reports of agencies and departments. Staff salaries are set by relevant awards, largely the Crown Employees (Public Sector –Salaries) award.

Questions from Hon. Sue Higginson MLC

LANDS AND PROPERTY

Land Audit

Q.145 - I am advised: Two properties owned by Property and Development NSW have been nominated for exemption from the asset sales pause. These properties have a total area of approximately 8,149 square metres.

Q.146 - I am advised: A land audit of this scale is complex, and it needs to be done right to ensure land identified is fit for housing and associated amenities.

The NSW Labor Government is undertaking the largest change to Sydney's planning and zoning in decades. The previous Government offered 12 years of incompetence and created this crisis, and this Government is working hard to fix it.

This audit is a first-of-its-kind and requires the appropriate due diligence.

Details identifying individual lots are Cabinet in Confidence.

Q.147 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 146.

Q.148 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 146.

Q.149 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 146.

Q.150 - I am advised: The responsibility for the Homes Committee is held by the Minister for Housing.

Q.151 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 146.

Q.152 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 146.

Q.153 - I am advised: It is expected that further due diligence will be undertaken by housing delivery agencies depending on the particular characteristics of each site. This is a matter for housing delivery agencies.

Q.154 - I am advised: The NSW Government's plans for the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct revitalisation are separate to the Land Audit.

Land IQ

Q.155 - I am advised: Land iQ is a spatially-enabled land use evaluation tool that provides a single whole of government (WofG) platform to reduce duplication and costs across Government.

It integrates key data sets (e.g. from Spatial Digital Twin, ePlanning) and assessment frameworks (e.g. Movement & Place, Treasury Jobs calculator) to enable users to analyse land and property in a more consistent, transparent and evidence-based way.

Land iQ can be used to assess all land and property in NSW (not just Government-owned).

Further information about Land iQ can be found on the Department's website:

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/our-business/advisory-and-transactions/land-iq>

Q.156 - I am advised: August 2020.

Q.157 - I am advised: Development of a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) version of Land iQ commenced on 6 July 2021.

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of the MVP version of Land iQ commenced in April 2022.

Q.158 - I am advised: Land iQ was formally launched to select NSW Government users in early July 2022.

Q.159 - I am advised: Land iQ was developed by Property and Development NSW (PDNSW) in partnership with WSP Australia, Giraffe and Aerometrex.

Q.160 - I am advised: As of 29 February 2024, there are 42 entities with access to the Land iQ system.

- Aboriginal Housing Office
- Biodiversity Conservation Trust of NSW
- Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW
- Crown Lands
- Department of Climate Change, Energy and the Environment
- Department of Communities and Justice
- Department of Enterprise, Investment & Trade
- Department of Regional NSW
- Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Planning)
- Epsilon Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation (Endeavour Energy)
- Fire & Rescue NSW
- Government Architect NSW
- Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation
- Infrastructure NSW
- Insurance and Care NSW (iCare)
- Land and Housing Corporation
- Landcom
- Local Land Services
- Mining Exploration & Geoscience
- Ministry of Health
- Natural Resources Commission
- NSW Police Force
- NSW Reconstruction Authority

- NSW Treasury
- Office of Sport
- Office of Strategic Lands
- Property and Development NSW
- Placemaking NSW
- Primary Industries (within Department of Regional NSW)
- Public Works
- Regional Growth Development Corporation
- School Infrastructure NSW / Department of Education
- Sydney Metro
- Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- TAFE NSW
- Transport for NSW
- Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) NSW
- Valuations NSW
- Western Parkland City Authority
- Western Sydney Planning Partnership

328 employees across the 42 NSW Government entities have access to Land iQ as at 29 February 2024.

Q.161 - I am advised: The following contract suppliers to the Land iQ system have access to the system:

- WSP Australia Pty Ltd
- Giraffe Technology Pty Ltd
- Endava Australia Pty Ltd (contractor providing services under WSP Australia Pty Ltd related to assessment of user interface and user experience improvements to Land iQ)

As of 29 February 2024, there are 22 non-government individuals who are employees of the above contract suppliers who have access to the Land iQ system.

Q.162 - I am advised: Land iQ project data (within the confines of the capability of the Land iQ system) is stored in a secured server owned and operated by the suppliers. Project data consists of identifiers used to load & save a project within the Land iQ system, alongside specific user-defined/created elements of the project (drawing layers depicting shapes/colours on a map, map-based labelling, user-saved search criteria, enabled data layers within a project, user-uploaded data layers).

Specific project data such as data in relation to the Land Audit (e.g. project documentation, property analyses, project timing and scope, project or property decisions, current project/property status, etc.) is stored on NSW Government servers and are only accessible by a restricted set of NSW Government employees.

Q.163 - I am advised: The Land iQ system was trialled with nine Western Sydney Local Councils in March 2023. Access to Land iQ is expected to be made available for all NSW Local Governments by mid-2024.

Q.164 - I am advised: The Land iQ platform requires login credentials to access. Different access rights are assigned to each user that govern exactly what a user is able to see within the platform. The individual user does not have the capability to create new login credentials for the Land iQ environment.

PDNSW maintains administrative oversight of data made available within Land iQ and can revoke a user's access to specific data if needed.

Upon issuing a license to a new user within Land iQ, users must accept the terms and conditions of use. For NSW Government users, this explicitly states that no information or outputs generated from Land iQ are to be distributed outside of the NSW Government without the prior approval of the Department / PDNSW.

In relation to the land audit, confidential data is not stored on the Land iQ platform itself and is instead held by the land audit team on secure NSW Government servers with restricted access.

Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore

Q.165 - I am advised: Much of the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct is currently inaccessible for public enjoyment. While gravelled areas provide overflow parking, these do not reflect the potential of this foreshore. Residual railway land is fenced off and separated from public access.

The NSW Government seeks to use and celebrate the uniqueness and significance of the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct to deliver government priorities consistent with the refined masterplan that was published in December 2022 following extensive engagement with the Coffs community.

Following extensive feedback, the masterplan provides an even greater focus on open space, support for local businesses and tourism and housing.

The Coffs Jetty Revitalisation refined masterplan is available at:

https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/548731/Coffs-Jetty-Revitalisation-Refined-Masterplan-2022.pdf

Q.166 - I am advised: Property and Development NSW determined Council's proposal does not present a unique opportunity, value for money, nor does it adequately deliver on the Government's priorities for the region, to support Coffs Harbour as a thriving regional city. The lack of detail in Council's land proposal, in respect to the future use and timing of improvements of the Jetty foreshore land, if the NSW Government accepted Council's proposal, was also an important consideration.

- (a) Property and Development NSW is leading revitalisation of the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct (the Precinct) on behalf of the NSW Government which owns land within the Precinct.

Property and Development NSW is working closely with Council, the Coffs community, industry and other government agencies to deliver the Precinct vision.

The only formal arrangement involving PDNSW related to the Coffs Community Building that was completed in 2023 and transferred to Coffs Harbour City Council control shortly thereafter.

Q.167 - I am advised: A business case has been prepared for the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore program.

- (a) Revitalisation of the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct provides the opportunity to fulfill multiple government priorities that will benefit the Coffs community including the need for more housing in Coffs Harbour, supporting a thriving regional economy, expanding tourism and hospitality offerings, and enhancing public open space as well as sustainable movement choices (active transport).
- (b) A cost benefit analysis forms part of the business case which is Cabinet in Confidence.
- (c) It is important to note that the NSW Government is not developing land for profit and has publicly committed on a number of occasions that all funds generated will be reinvested back into the Precinct including important civil infrastructure, protection of history, protection of the natural environment and enhancement of public open space.

Q.168 - I am advised: Consultation began with the Coffs community in 2018. The extent and depth of the consultation undertaken and the quantity and depth of responses received represents best practice in government-led engagement and a step change in planning efforts for the Precinct. The consultation process consisted of a wide array of actions to reach as many people as possible in the Coffs Harbour area including (and not limited to):

- an online survey to which over 3,600 responses were received
- nine pop-up information booths in various locations around Coffs Harbour where the team spoke to over 1,800 people
- nine stakeholder briefings and 4 youth engagement sessions, and
- three Indigenous engagement events.

This process has been extensive, and the refined masterplan incorporates the Coffs community's feedback.

Broad community consultation shows there is majority support for change at the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct, provided that it secures public domain improvement as detailed in the masterplan.

The outcomes of the community consultation are published at:

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/our-business/precinct-development/coffs-jetty-revitalisation>

- (a) The community will be able to have their say again when the rezoning proposal is publicly exhibited as part of the statutory process.

Q.169 - I am advised: PDNSW continues to work alongside Indigenous-led consultancy Murawin to ensure engagement with Aboriginal stakeholders on the refined masterplan. Whilst this engagement has been best-practice, meaningful, inclusive and respectful, the engagement is necessarily ongoing and will continue as work on the Precinct continues.

Work with a cross-section of the local Aboriginal community saw a range of ideas gathered from a range of different voices and members of the Aboriginal community who mightn't otherwise have been reached if the approach utilised by PDNSW had not been adopted.

The NSW Government is continuing to work with the Aboriginal community on desired outcomes, servicing Ferguson's Cottage and Happy Valley; and inclusivity, recognition and celebration of Gumbaynggirr Country and culture.

The Murawin report forms part of the planning process and our ongoing commitment to caring for Country.

The Murawin Community Consultation Outcomes Report is available at:

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/our-business/precinct-development/coffs-jetty-revitalisation>

Q.170 - I am advised: PDNSW is forecast to have lodged a rezoning proposal for the Precinct with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure by Q2 2024.

Technical studies form part of the requirements of the rezoning proposal to be lodged.

Technical studies are publicly exhibited as part of the statutory process. These will be available to the community following the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's internal assessment of the rezoning proposal.

Q.171 - I am advised: The contract with Ethos Urban Pty Ltd for Town Planner Services is procured under SCM0005 – Prequalification Scheme: Performance and Management Services.

Q.172 - I am advised: The independently chaired Project Steering Advisory Committee informed the vision and masterplan process.

An inclusive and diverse committee comprised members from a cross-section of the community including Aboriginal representation, local small to medium businesses, landowners, leaseholders and community groups. Council also had two representatives on the committee (Cr Paul Amos and Cr George Cecato).

A probity advisor was appointed to oversee the process. Committee members were required to provide declarations of conflicts of interest with the independent chair.

Establishment of the Project Steering Advisory Committee was directed by the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct Action Membership Framework that detailed selection criteria, terms of reference, selection criteria, member selection process, appointment process and code of conduct.

In the interests of transparency, Property and Development NSW published the minutes of meetings at:

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/our-business/precinct-development/coffs-jetty-revitalisation>

Q.173 - I am advised: Four key strategic drivers have been identified by State and Local Government:

1. Evolving tourism offering (CHCC LSPS, 2020)
2. Delivering the regional economy (CHCC LSPS, 2020; CH Economic Development Strategy, 2017)
3. More Sustainable movement choices (CHRCAP, 2021; CHCC, 2020)
4. Need for more housing due to population growth (CHCC LSPS, 2020)

The masterplan for the Precinct was developed with consideration of these requirements and the rezoning proposal takes further account of the need for the Precinct to fulfill the area's long-term strategic direction and needs.

Q.174 - I am advised: Embedded in the natural and social history of this place, the Jetty Foreshore will be recognised for creating a new regional identity for Coffs Harbour built from the natural character of its site. Informed by community consultation, the key drivers for the refined masterplan include:

- no change to the size, scale and use of the existing Foreshore Park (including the protection of littoral rainforest)
- an increase in the amount and types of public open space across the Precinct, and
- improved connections between new public open space with the existing Foreshore Park.

Evidence of Property & Development NSW's concern for the natural environment is provided by the recently completed Coffs Community Building which includes native planting and protection of the adjacent dune structure.

Aboriginal Land Claims

Q.175 - I am advised: Crown Lands expects to resolve up to 700 claims this financial year. The majority of claims currently under assessment are claims prioritised by Local Aboriginal Land Councils through the Local Aboriginal Land Council priority program.

Q.176 - I am advised: \$61.1 million of the reported \$366.5 million is to support the Roads to Home program. As the remaining amount is the responsibility of other Ministers, please refer to other Ministers within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for further information.

Q.177 - I am advised: Crown Lands has returned more land to Local Aboriginal Land Councils in the past five years than in the preceding 36 years since the inception of the Act.

Crown Lands works in partnership with Local Aboriginal Land Councils to prioritise claims that will result in the most immediate outcomes decided by the Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

- (a) See answer to question 175. Crown Lands is also working toward the Statewide Closing the Gap targets for the return of land.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) The intent of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 is to provide compensation to Aboriginal communities for the dispossession of their land. The Act provides Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council with the statutory right to lodge claims on Crown land. The Department has no control over the number of claims lodged. Assessment of land claims is a complex process with a number of review points and interested parties to be consulted. This results in an ebb and flow in the number of determinations across any given financial year.

Q.178 - I am advised: ALAs are binding agreements made under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) between the Minister for Lands and Property and a Land Council for the transfer, exchange, or lease of land to the Land Council and the resolution of land claims.

The Department is negotiating 17 ALAs across NSW, each at different stages of negotiation.

Q.179 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 178.

Questions from Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC

MULTICULTURALISM

Hindu Council of Australia

Q.180 – I am advised: The NSW Faith Affairs Council is established to improve the NSW Government's understanding and competency in relation to policies, programs and services that affect religious communities and people of faith in New South Wales.

Mr Surinder Jain was nominated for the NSW Faith Affairs Council by the Hindu Council of Australia, as one of 12 organisations representing the 12 largest faith groups in New South Wales.

Membership of the Faith Affairs Council is time-limited to ensure a diversity of representation over time.

A series of complaints have been made to Multicultural NSW about the Hindu Council of Australia. In the opinion of Multicultural NSW, those complaints include highly selective and partial information. I am advised that, having reviewed this information, Multicultural NSW is not satisfied that Mr Surinder Jain or the Hindu Council of Australia as an organisation should not have the opportunity to engage in NSW Government activities, including the newly formed NSW Faith Affairs Council.

This Government introduced new laws to make religious vilification unlawful. Any actual evidence of religious vilification or discrimination should be reported to the appropriate authority, which is Anti-Discrimination NSW.

Q.181 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 180.

Q.182 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 180.

Q.183 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 180.

Q.184 - I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 180.

Domestic and Family Violence

Q.185 - I am advised: Multicultural NSW is liaising with the Department of Communities and Justice.

Q.186 – I am advised: Please refer to my answer to Question 185.