



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-2024**

### **Supplementary questions**

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities

**Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion**

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## Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion

### Questions from Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC

#### FACS District Director Meetings

1. Please indicate how many monthly FACS District Director meetings has the Minister attended since being sworn in?
  - (a) Please provide the relevant dates.
2. How many ministerial staff have attended these meetings with the Minister?

#### CSC Meetings

3. How many CSC meetings has the Minister attended since being sworn in?
  - (a) Please provide the dates and locations?
  - (b) Please provide the total cost of the meetings, including the provision of meals, beverages and accommodation, with respect to the Minister and her ministerial staff?
  - (c) Please indicate how many ministerial staff attended each CSC meeting?

#### CSC Meeting at Broken Hill

4. Please provide the time and location of the CSC meeting held at Broken Hill on the 25th of October 2023.
5. Please provide details on how many ministerial staff attended the Broken Hill ministerial visit?
6. How many nights did the Minister spend in Broken Hill?
7. Did the Minister attend other meetings or social gatherings during her visit?
  - (a) Please indicate what those gatherings were?
  - (b) Did any of her ministerial staff attend?
8. What was the total cost of the Broken Hill visit?

#### Meals and Beverages

9. Could the Minister provide the total cost of meals and beverages that her Ministerial Office has incurred since being sworn in as a Minister and up to the 9th of November?

#### Alternative Care Arrangements

10. How many children and young people have been placed into alternative care arrangements between 1st January 2023 and 30th June 2023?
  - (a) How many children specifically have been placed in a hotel, motel or caravan park?
11. How many children and young people have been placed into alternative care arrangements between 1st July 2023 up to 9th of November 2023?
  - (a) How many children specifically have been placed in a hotel, motel or caravan park?

12. Can you please provide the total cost of the alternative care arrangements between 1st May 2023 up to 1st November 2023?

## Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion

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

#### Discretionary Fund

13. Does the Minister have any discretionary funds in relation to her portfolio responsibilities for Families and Communities?
  - (a) If yes, what is the total amount that has been made available to the Minister?
    - i. How much has already been expended?
14. Does the Minister have any discretionary funds in relation to her portfolio responsibilities for Disability Inclusion?
  - (a) If yes, what is the total amount that has been made available to the Minister?
    - i. How much has already been expended?
  - (b) Can the Minister provide a dollar value breakdown on what the discretionary funds have been expended on?

#### Review of Acts

15. What date is the Adoption Act due for review?
16. What date is the Child Protection (International Measures) Act due for review?
17. What date is the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act due for review?
18. What date is the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act due for review?
19. What date is the Children's Guardian Act due for review?
20. What date is the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act due for review?

#### Missing Children

21. How soon after a child is missing is this brought to the Minister's attention?
22. What date/s was the Minister made aware of the three instances of children missing, as referred to in the Budget Estimates session?

#### Out-Of-Home Care Pregnancies

23. How many critical instances reports has the Minister received in relation to OOHC pregnancies since her appointment?

#### Child Protection Hotline

24. How many calls has the Child Protection Hotline received so far this year?
25. How many calls did the Child Protection Hotline receive in 2022-23?

#### Structured Decision Making

26. What date did the review of Structured Decision Making commence?
  - (a) What date is the review expected to be completed?

### **Child Protection Data**

27. Has the Minister had any meetings with her Federal and/or State counterparts in relation to better information sharing of child protection data between jurisdictions?
- (a) If yes, what date/s?
    - i. Did the Premier attend the meeting/s?
    - ii. Which Federal and/or State counterparts attended?
  - (b) If no, why not

### **Case Plans**

28. How many children that are required to have a case plan have a case plan?
- (a) What is the number by percentage?
29. As of today, many children managed by DCJ have a case plan?
- (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months?
  - (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?
30. As of today, many children managed by an NGO have a case plan?
- (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months?
  - (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?
31. As of today, many children managed by DCJ have a current cultural support plan?
- (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months?
  - (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?
32. How many young people who have left out-of-home care (OOHC), who are eligible for the Your Choice, Your Future funding, have not applied for assistance?

### **OOHC Education Pathway**

33. Since April 2023 how many young have had pathway planning meeting within 30 days?
34. Since April 2023 how many young have had pathway planning meeting after 30 days?
35. What is the longest time a young person has waited for learning and support plan to be implemented?
36. Does the Department keep data on school attendance?
37. Are there young people in OOHC not enrolled in school right now?
- (a) If yes, how many?
38. How many young people in OOHC are suspended from school right now?
- (a) What is the most recent date that this information is available?

### **Child Deaths**

39. How many children known to child protection in NSW have died in the last six months?
- (a) How many were in OOHC?

## **OOHC**

40. How many children are currently in OOHC?
  - (a) What is the most recent date that this information is available?
41. How many children in OOHC are currently living overseas?
42. How many children are Aboriginal?
43. How many are non-Aboriginal?
  - (a) Do you have a breakdown of non-Aboriginal by ethnicity?
44. How much is allocated to NGOs for OOHC?
45. How many Aboriginal Controlled Organisations are there providing OOHC?
  - (a) What are the names of the Aboriginal Controlled Organisations?
  - (b) What areas do the Aboriginal Controlled Organisations operate?
46. How many Aboriginal children are with ACCOs?
47. What proportion of Aboriginal children in OOHC are case managed by DCJ?
48. What proportion of Aboriginal children in OOHC are case managed by NGO provider?
49. During 2022-23, how many children leaving OOHC were referred to homelessness support within 12 months of leaving care?
  - (a) Where all children over 18 years of age?
  - (b) If not, what was the youngest age?

## **Family Connect and Support**

50. What funding has Family Connect and Support (FCS) received for the following years:
  - (a) 2021-22?
  - (b) 2022-23?
51. How many clients have FCS supported for the following years?
  - (a) 2021-22?
  - (b) 2022-23?
52. Regarding (2)(a) and (2)(b), how many clients were Indigenous?

## **Targeted Earlier Intervention**

53. How many individual clients has the TEI program seen for the following years:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
54. Regarding (1), how many individual clients identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander for the following years?
  - (a) 2020-21?

- (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
55. How many unidentified clients has the TEI program seen for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
56. How many sessions of service delivery have occurred for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?

### **Family Preservation Programs**

57. What is the total number of contracted places that family preservation programs have provided to families for the following years:
- (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?
58. Regarding (1), how many services were delivered to children for the following years:
- (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?
59. Regarding (2), how many of those children were Aboriginal for the following years:
- (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?
60. Regarding Permanency Support Program (PSP) Family Preservation, how many families have been assisted for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
61. Regarding (4), how many families were Aboriginal for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?

- (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
62. Regarding Brighter Futures, how many families received support for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
63. Regarding (6), how many of those were children and young people for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
64. Regarding Youth Hopes, how many children received support for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
65. Regarding Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect (MST-CAN) and Functional Family Therapy Child Welfare (FFT-CW), how many families accepted service for the following years?
- (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?
66. Regarding Resilient Families, how many families have been referred to the program for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
67. Regarding Intensive Family Preservation, how many families have received support for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
68. Regarding Intensive Based Family Support, how many families received support for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?



- (c) 2022-23?
69. Regarding (12), how many Aboriginal families received support for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
70. Regarding Family Group Conferencing (FGC), how many families were referred and how many conferences were convened for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
71. Regarding (14), of those that participated in the conference, how many families were Aboriginal for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
72. Regarding (14), how many proceeded to the Children's Court for interim or final orders for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
73. Regarding (16), how many that proceeded to the Children's Court for interim or final orders involved Aboriginal families for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?

#### **Children reported at Risk of Significant Harm**

74. How many risk of significant harm (ROSH) reports were received for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?
75. How many children were reported at ROSH in NSW for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23
76. How many children were seen by a caseworker for the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-23?

77. What is the current proportion of children and young people re-reported at risk of significant harm?

### **High Cost Emergency Placements**

78. How many children and young people were in each HCEP during the following time period:

- (a) 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023
- (b) 1 July to 30 September 2023
- (c) 1 October to 31 October 2023?

79. Regarding (1), how many are case managed by DCJ and how many are case managed by a non-government organisation during the same timeframes?

80. What is the current availability of placements under the Interim Care Model, and how many of these placements have already been filled?

81. What is the current availability of placements under Short-Term Emergency Placements, and how many of these placements have already been filled?

82. What adjustments have been made as part of Intensive Therapeutic Care recommissioning?

- (a) Are any further adjustments planned?

83. Will the Minister commit to publishing this data on a quarterly basis?

- (a) If yes, when will this commence?

### **Foster Carers**

84. The Minister has advised the Committee in her session that she has undertaken a campaign to recruit more foster carers into the system. What is the name of the campaign?

- (a) What date was the campaign launched?
- (b) How much funding has been allocated to the campaign?
- (c) When date does the campaign end?

85. Does the Carer Reference Groups (CRG's) still operate?

86. What is the role of the CRG's?

87. What is the process for participating in the CRG?

88. What date/s did the CRGs last meet and locations?

89. How many foster carers were there in the following CSC during 2020-2021?

- (a) Central Coast:
  - i. Gosford?
  - ii. Wyong?
- (b) Hunter New England:
  - i. Cessnock?
  - ii. Charlestown?
  - iii. Edgeworth?

- iv. Maitland?
- v. Mayfield?
- vi. Raymond Terrace?
- (c) Illawarra Shoalhaven:
  - i. Nowra?
  - ii. Shell harbour?
  - iii. Ulladulla?
  - iv. Wollongong?
- (d) Southern:
  - i. Batemans Bay?
  - ii. Bega?
  - iii. Cooma?
  - iv. Goulburn?
  - v. Queanbeyan?
  - vi. Yass?
- (e) Murrumbidgee:
  - i. Albury?
  - ii. Cootamundra?
  - iii. Deniliquin?
  - iv. Griffith?
  - v. Leeton?
  - vi. Tumut?
  - vii. Wagga Wagga?
- (f) Far West:
  - i. Broken Hill?
  - ii. Dareton?
  - iii. Wilcannia?
- (g) Western New South Wales:
  - i. Bathurst?
  - ii. Bourke?
  - iii. Brewarrina?
  - iv. Cobar?
  - v. Condobolin?
  - vi. Coonabarabran?

- vii. Coonamble?
  - viii. Cowra
  - ix. Dubbo?
  - x. Mudgee?
  - xi. Nyngan?
  - xii. Orange?
  - xiii. Parkes?
  - xiv. Walgett?
- (h) Northern New South Wales:
- i. Ballina?
  - ii. Clarence Valley
  - iii. Lismore?
  - iv. Tweed Heads?
- (i) Mid North Coast:
- i. Coffs Harbour?
  - ii. Kempsey?
  - iii. Port Macquarie?
  - iv. Greater Taree?
- (j) New England:
- i. Armidale?
  - ii. Glen Innes?
  - iii. Inverell?
  - iv. Moree?
  - v. Muswellbrook?
  - vi. Narrabri?
  - vii. Tamworth?
- (k) South Western Sydney:
- i. Bankstown?
  - ii. Highlands Hub?
  - iii. Macarthur?
  - iv. Fairfield?
  - v. Ingleburn?
  - vi. Liverpool?
- (l) Sydney:

- i. Burwood?
- ii. Central Sydney?
- iii. Lakemba?
- (m) South Eastern Sydney:
  - i. Eastern Sydney?
  - ii. St George?
  - iii. Sutherland?
- (n) Northern Sydney:
  - i. Chatswood?
  - ii. Pennant Hills?
- (o) Western Sydney:
  - i. Auburn?
  - ii. Blacktown?
  - iii. Mount Druitt?
  - iv. Parramatta?
- (p) Nepean Blue Mountains:
  - i. Blue Mountains?
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- (c) Illawarra Shoalhaven:
  - i. Nowra?

- ii. Shell harbour?
  - iii. Ulladulla?
  - iv. Wollongong?
- (d) Southern:
- i. Batemans Bay?
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  - iii. Cooma?
  - iv. Goulburn?
  - v. Queanbeyan?
  - vi. Yass?
- (e) Murrumbidgee:
- i. Albury?
  - ii. Cootamundra?
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  - iv. Griffith?
  - v. Leeton?
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  - vi. Coonabarabran?
  - vii. Coonamble?
  - viii. Cowra
  - ix. Dubbo?
  - x. Mudgee?
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- xii. Orange?
- xiii. Parkes?
- xiv. Walgett?
- (h) Northern New South Wales:
  - i. Ballina?
  - ii. (ii) Clarence Valley
  - iii. (iii) Lismore?
  - iv. (iv) Tweed Heads?
- (i) Mid North Coast:
  - i. Coffs Harbour?
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  - iii. Port Macquarie?
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  - vi. Narrabri?
  - vii. Tamworth?
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  - iii. Macarthur?
  - iv. Fairfield?
  - v. Ingleburn?
  - vi. Liverpool?
- (l) Sydney:
  - i. Burwood?
  - ii. Central Sydney?
  - iii. Lakemba?
- (m) South Eastern Sydney:
  - i. Eastern Sydney?

- ii. St George?
- iii. Sutherland?
- (n) Northern Sydney:
  - i. Chatswood?
  - ii. Pennant Hills?
- (o) Western Sydney:
  - i. Auburn?
  - ii. Blacktown?
  - iii. Mount Druitt?
  - iv. Parramatta?
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- ii. Bega?
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  - iii. Brewarrina?
  - iv. Cobar?
  - v. Condobolin?
  - vi. Coonabarabran?
  - vii. Coonamble?
  - viii. Cowra
  - ix. Dubbo?
  - x. Mudgee?
  - xi. Nyngan?
  - xii. Orange?
  - xiii. Parkes?
  - xiv. Walgett?
- (h) Northern New South Wales:
  - i. Ballina?
  - ii. Clarence Valley
  - iii. Lismore?
  - iv. Tweed Heads?
- (i) Mid North Coast:
  - i. Coffs Harbour?
  - ii. Kempsey?
  - iii. Port Macquarie?
  - iv. Greater Taree?
- (j) New England:
  - i. Armidale?

- ii. Glen Innes?
  - iii. Inverell?
  - iv. Moree?
  - v. Muswellbrook?
  - vi. Narrabri?
  - vii. Tamworth?
- (k) South Western Sydney:
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  - ii. Highlands Hub?
  - iii. Macarthur?
  - iv. Fairfield?
  - v. Ingleburn?
  - vi. Liverpool?
- (l) Sydney:
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  - ii. Central Sydney?
  - iii. Lakemba?
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  - ii. Pennant Hills?
- (o) Western Sydney:
- i. Auburn?
  - ii. Blacktown?
  - iii. Mount Druitt?
  - iv. Parramatta?
- (p) Nepean Blue Mountains:
- i. Blue Mountains?
  - ii. Hawkesbury?
  - iii. Lithgow?
  - iv. Penrith?



v. St Marys?

94. How many children were cared for by foster cares in the following CSC during 2022-23?

(a) Central Coast:

i. Gosford?

ii. Wyong?

(b) Hunter New England:

i. Cessnock?

ii. Charlestown?

iii. Edgeworth?

iv. Maitland?

v. Mayfield?

vi. Raymond Terrace?

(c) Illawarra Shoalhaven:

i. Nowra?

ii. Shell harbour?

iii. Ulladulla?

iv. Wollongong?

(d) Southern:

i. Batemans Bay?

ii. Bega?

iii. Cooma?

iv. Goulburn?

v. Queanbeyan?

vi. Yass?

(e) Murrumbidgee:

i. Albury?

ii. Cootamundra?

iii. Deniliquin?

iv. Griffith?

v. Leeton?

vi. Tumut?

vii. Wagga Wagga?

(f) Far West:

i. Broken Hill?

- ii. Dareton?
- iii. Wilcannia?
- (g) Western New South Wales:
  - i. Bathurst?
  - ii. Bourke?
  - iii. Brewarrina?
  - iv. Cobar?
  - v. Condobolin?
  - vi. Coonabarabran?
  - vii. Coonamble?
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  - iv. Parramatta?
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  - iii. Lithgow?
  - iv. Penrith?
  - v. St Marys?

### **Intensive Therapeutic Service Providers**

95. How many intensive therapeutic service providers are there?

- (a) How many had their funded vacancies filled?

### **Advocate for Children and Young People**

96. Has the Minister met with the Advocate for Children and Young People since her appointment?
- (a) If yes, how many times?
    - i. What date/s did the Minister meet with the Advocate?
    - ii. Did the Minister ever discuss the Special Inquiry into Children and Young People in Alternative Care Arrangements prior to its public announcement?

### **Out-of-Home Care Reform**

97. Is the Minister aware of the work undertaken by Societal Consulting Pty Ltd regarding the Out-of-Home Care Reform?
- (a) If yes, has the Minister received any briefings in relation to the work?
    - i. If yes, what date/s?
      - a. Who provided the briefing to the Minister?
98. What immediate initiatives were identified in the current program for implementation and reporting rigour?
- (a) What is the timeframe for implementation?
99. What medium-term initiatives have been developed to form a work program?
- (a) What is the timeframe for implementation?
100. What work has been undertaken with the existing PMO and district management to improve the communications mechanisms with districts to ensure successful implementation of reforms?
- (a) What is the timeframe for implementation?
101. What work has been undertaken with the existing PMO and executives to improve the clarity and understanding with and in central agencies?
- (a) What is the timeframe for implementation?

### **Family Is Culture Executive Working Group**

102. Has the Minister met with the Family is Culture executive working group?
- (a) If yes, what date/s?

### **Aboriginal Partnership Group**

103. Has the Minister met with the ministerial Aboriginal Partnership Group?
- (a) If yes, what date/s?

### **Adoption, Guardianship and Restoration**

104. How many children in OCH exited to guardianship for the following years:
- (a) 2021-22?
  - (b) 2022-23?
105. How many are Aboriginal?
106. How many young people have a plan for guardianship?

- (a) What is this by percentage?
107. How many adoptions were there of children from OOHC in NSW for the following years:
- (a) 2021-22?
  - (b) 2022-23?
108. How many were Aboriginal?
109. How many young people have a plan for adoption?
- (a) What is this by percentage?
110. How many restorations were there of children from OOHC in NSW for the following years:
- (a) 2021-22?
  - (b) 2022-23?
111. How many were Aboriginal?
112. How many young people have a plan for restoration?
- (a) What is this by percentage?

### **High-Cost Emergency Arrangement Unit**

113. What date did the High-Cost Emergency Arrangement Unit commence?
114. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) are dedicated to the Unit?
115. How many meetings has the Unit held to date?
116. What is the cost for the establishment of the Unit and its operating expenses?

### **2023-24 NSW Budget**

117. How much was allocated in the 2023-24 NSW Budget to the following:
- (a) Engagement and Family Support Team?
    - i. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) does the Engagement and Family Support Team currently have?
    - i.
  - (b) Residents' Rights?
    - i. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) does Residents' Rights currently have?
118. How much was allocated in the 2023-24 NSW Budget for an additional 250 full-time equivalent (FTE) school counsellors to support students with mental health needs and disabilities?
- (a) What is the breakdown of locations that the counsellors will be based?
  - (b) How many counsellors will be dedicated specifically to students with disabilities?
  - (c) How are the locations of counsellors determined?

### **NSW Public Sector**

119. Is the Government committed to increasing representation of people with disability in the NSW public sector to 5.6 per cent by 2025?

120. What is the current number of employees with disability in the NSW Public Service?
- (a) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Department of Communities and Justice?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (b) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Department of Planning and Environment?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (c) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Department of Education?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (d) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Premier's Department?
    - ii. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (e) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Cabinet Office?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (f) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (g) What is the current number of employees with disability in Treasury?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (h) What is the current number of employees with disability in Department of Health?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (i) What is the current number of employees with disability in Transport for NSW?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (j) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Department of Customer Service?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (k) What is the current number of employees with disability in the Department of Regional NSW?
    - i. How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
  - (l) Who is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the number of employees with disability in the NSW public sector?

### **Ageing and Disability Commission**

121. Has the Minister met with the Ageing and Disability Commissioner since her appointment?
- (a) If yes, how many times?
    - i. What date/s did the Minister meet with the Commissioner?

122. How many calls did the Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) receive in 2022-23?
123. How many Helpline consultants are there currently?
124. How many matters consisting of reports and enquiries did the ADC receive?
- (a) How many reports were received under section 13 of the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act?
  - (b) How many were enquiries?
    - i. How many were general enquiries?
    - ii. How many were abuse related enquiries?
  - (c) How many frontline community supports and investigations staff are there currently?
  - (d) How many reports related to regional, rural and remote areas?
  - (e) How many of reports related to older people, including older people with disability?
  - (f) How many reports related to adults with disability (who were not older people)?

**Report of the Independent Statutory Review of the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act 2019**

125. Has the Minister for Disability Inclusion read the Report of the Independent Statutory Review of the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act 2019?
- (a) Has the Minister met with other Minister/s in relation to the Report
    - i. If yes, which Minister/s?
      - a. What date/s?
    - ii. If no, why not?
  - (b) Has the Minister met with the Ageing and Disability Commissioner in relation to the Report?
    - i. If yes, what date/s?
    - ii. If no, why not?
126. Has the Minister received a briefing note in relation to the Report?
- (a) If yes, what date?
127. What is the Government's response to the following list of recommendations?
- (a) Recommendation 1: That the NSW Government amend section 12(1)(h) of the Act to reflect that the 'National Disability Strategy' has been replaced with 'Australia's Disability Strategy'?
  - (b) Recommendation 2: That the NSW Government amend the Act to allow the Commissioner discretion about whether to refer relevant reports to the bodies listed in section 13(8) and to allow the Commissioner a discretion under section 13(9) not to refer reports to the Commissioner of Police or the Director of Public Prosecutions where the Commissioner believes on reasonable grounds that the adult does not wish the information to be reported?

- (c) Recommendation 3: That the NSW Government amend the Act to extend the circumstances in which the Commissioner may investigate allegations without the consent of the relevant adult, both:
  - i. to cover situations in which the Commissioner cannot obtain access, and with respect to the issue of the adult's capacity to consent, to:
    - a. establish a presumption of capacity,
    - b. enable the Commissioner to investigate without consent where capacity is relevantly and sufficiently impaired rather than where there is no capacity and
    - c. give guidance on when capacity is relevantly and sufficiently impaired?
- (d) Recommendation 4: That the NSW Government amend the Act to broaden information sharing under section 14 with arrange of organisations and individuals that are either engaged with or are able to provide supports to adults with disability or older people, who hold relevant information that could assist the ADC in handling reports?
- (e) Recommendation 5: That the NSW Government amend the Act to permit OCVs to provide information and advice to appropriate regulatory bodies, such as the NDIS and DCJ, to improve regulation of the disability services sector and assisted boarding houses?
- (f) Recommendation 6: That the NSW Government amend the Act to require disability service providers to notify the ADC of their contact details and any new visitable services or location changes to existing visitable services they operate to improve the operation and efficacy of the OCV scheme?
- (g) Recommendation 7: That the NSW Government not amend the Act to provide for volunteer OCVs?
- (h) Recommendation 8: That the NSW Government repeal section 26 as a spent provision?
- (i) Recommendation 9: That the NSW Government amend the Act to require that the Ageing and Disability Advisory Board include two or more persons who are older people?
- (j) Recommendation 10: That the NSW Government amend the Act to address the internal inconsistencies within section 29 between the responsibilities of the Minister and the Commissioner regarding membership of the Ageing and Disability Advisory Board, and to align it with appointment and remuneration provisions of other similar advisory boards?
- (k) Recommendation 11: That the NSW Government amend the Act to appoint or designate a Parliamentary Committee to monitor and review the functions of the ADC?

### **More Jobs More Care**

128. Have any evaluations in relation to More Jobs More Care commenced?
- (a) If yes, what date?



- i. What date are the evaluations expected to be completed?

### **Disability Inclusion Action Plans**

129. How many government departments have DIAPs?
130. How many councils have DIAPs?

### **Investment in Disability**

131. What is the quarterly breakdown of expenditure for NSW NDIS participants since Q1 2022 to most recent
  - (a) What is the expenditure?
  - (b) How much is being utilised?
132. In 2022-23, how much did NSW organisations receive in NDIS Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) grants?

### **Disability Reform Ministerial Council**

133. In the Disability Reform Ministerial Council meeting on 23 June 2023, it was agreed that Ministers will invite Housing Ministers to a joint meeting to discuss solutions to accessible and affordable housing for people with disability. Has this occurred?
  - (a) If yes, what date?
  - (b) If no, what date will the meeting occur?
134. Does NSW still lead the NDIS System Reform and Mainstream Interface Tasking Group?
135. What work/s have been progressed across the other Tasking Groups focussed on Australia's Disability Strategy and NDIS Performance?

### **Report of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability**

136. What is the States and territories breakdown of the 50 recommendations from the Report of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, which was agreed in-principle?
137. What is the joint Commonwealth, states, and territories breakdown of the 85 recommendations from the Report of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, which was agreed in-principle?

### **Residential Aged Care Homes**

138. How many people under the age of 65 are living in residential aged care homes in NSW?
  - (a) What is the breakdown by the following age groups:
    - i. 18-35?
    - ii. 35-45?
    - iii. 45-55?

### **NDIS Full Scheme Agreement**

139. In light of the net neutral reallocation of all state and territory contributions on 1 July 2023 in line with each state's and territory's share of the total national population as per the most recent Census data, what has been the impact on NSW?

### **Official Community Visitor**

140. How many unallocated services are there currently?

- (a) Of these, how many are visitable residential out-of-home care services for children and young people?
- (b) How many are visitable disability accommodation services?

### **Hospital Discharges**

141. Is the Minister aware of issues with the NSW Health system relating to transitioning long-stay patients who are NDIS participants?

- (a) Has the Minister met with the Minister for Health in relation to these issues?
  - i. If yes, what date/s?
  - ii. If no, why not?

142. What is the most recent number of NDIS participants medically ready for discharge?

- (a) What is the breakdown of the number by Local Health District (LHD)?

### **Targeted Action Plans**

143. Of the 46 NSW actions included in the current TAPs, how many have commenced and on-track?

- (a) How many have commenced and are slightly delayed?
  - i. Which ones?
- (b) How many are completed?
  - i. Which ones?
- (c) many are paused?
  - i. Which ones?
- (d) Are any scheduled to commence?
  - i. Which ones?

### **Rapid Antigen Tests**

144. Have free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) continued to be provided to Community Neighbourhood Centres to distribute across the state?

- (a) If yes, how many RATs does the Government currently have available?
  - i. How many have been provided to Community Neighbourhood Centres since either the beginning of the year?

- ii. How many have been provided to Community Neighbourhood Centres since April 2023?
  - iii. Will the RATs continue to be provided to Community Neighbourhood Centres for free?
- (b) If no, when did this practice stop?
- i. What supports have been provided to Community Neighbourhood Centres in its place?

### **Tomaree Headland Heritage Group**

145. What date/s did the Minister meet with the Tomaree Headland Heritage Group?

### **Plan for NSW Public Education**

146. Why aren't students with disabilities referenced in the Plan for NSW Public Education?
147. Will the Minister work with the Minister for Education to release a revised Plan which includes students with disabilities?

### **Housing for Peoples with Disability**

148. In her Budget Estimates session, the Minister advised the Committee she had sought immediate advice in relation to vacant properties that could be utilised. On what date did the Minister seek the advice?
149. How many properties are currently operating on a monthly lease?
150. The Minister also advised during the session that "a large piece of work" is being undertaken to determine how to best utilise housing in the Families and Communities portfolio. What date did this piece of work commence?
- (a) What date is it expected to be completed?
  - (b) What are the Terms of Reference for this work?
  - (c) Is the work being undertaken by the Department or and external agency?
  - (d) What is the cost of this work?
151. Can DCJ confirm that the properties it owns which require SDA funding are not suitable for use by people that are non-SDA?
- (a) Have any matters been raised with the Department or the Minister's office in relation to this?

### **Working from Home**

152. How many days per week is the average full-time, not including case workers, working from home?
153. In relation to (1), on which days are we seeing higher rates of working from home?
154. In relation to (1), how often are Working from Home arrangements reviewed?

155. Regarding the principal office for Department staff, what percentage of available office space is utilised on average for each day of the working week?
156. In relation to (4), when does the current leasing period end for the principal office for Department staff and is there any intention to renegotiate?
157. In relation to (5), what is the current cost for leasing the principal office premises?
158. In relation to (4), should there be underutilisation, are there plans to better utilise office space?

## **OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS**

### **Qantas**

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

### **Department/Agency Staffing**

160. 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?
161. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
162. 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?
163. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?
164. 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?
165. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

166. 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?
167. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
168. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?
169. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
170. 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?
171. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
172. 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?
173. 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?
174. What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) Taxi hire?
- (b) Ridesharing services?
- (c) Limousine/private car hire?
- (d) Hire car rental?

### **Hospitality**

175. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?

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

### **Agency Invoices**

179. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
180. 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?
181. 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**

182. 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?
183. Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?
- (a) If so, who was driving the car?

### **Complaints**

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

### **Consultants**

185. 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?

186. 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?
187. Have any Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 28 March 2023:
- (a) Social media?
- i. What were the cost of these services?
- (b) Photography?
- i. What were the cost of these services?
- (c) Videography?
- i. What were the cost of these services?
- (d) Acting training?
- i. What were the cost of these services?
- (e) Ergonomics?
- i. What were the cost of these services?

### **Departmental Credit Cards**

188. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:
- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
- i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (d) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
- i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
- i. What was the total value of those purchases?
- ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
- iii. Were all those amounts repaid?
- iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (g) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder's employment grade?
- i. What amount was repaid, in full?

- ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
  - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
- (i) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

### **Efficiency Dividends**

189. 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**

190. 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.
191. How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
  - (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
    - i. If so, what were the reasons provided?
  - (c) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
  - (d) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
  - (e) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
    - i. Date received.
    - ii. Date acknowledged.
    - iii. Date responded.
    - iv. The description provided for the information sought.

### **Labour Hire Firms**



192. 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**

193. 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)

194. 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)

195. 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?

196. 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?

197. 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?
198. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

### **Merchant fees**

199. 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.
200. 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.
201. 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**

202. Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023?
- (c) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?

### **Office Administration**

203. What brand of paper is used in your office?
- (a) Is it recycled paper?
- (b) Is it Australian made paper?
204. 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
205. 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

206. 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

207. 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

208. 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

209. 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
210. What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
211. 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
212. 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?
213. How many staff members employed in your office under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 have been seconded from a NSW Government Department/agency?
- (a) Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.
214. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?
- (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?
215. 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?
216. 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?

217. 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?
218. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
219. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
220. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
221. 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?
222. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
    - i. Who were they gifted to?
223. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
224. 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?
225. 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?
226. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
227. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
228. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?

229. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?
230. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?
231. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?

### **Overseas Trips**

232. 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?
233. 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**

234. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?
235. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?
236. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?
237. 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.
238. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
239. 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?
240. 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?

241. 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**

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

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

### **Training**

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

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

244. 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**

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

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

## Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion

### Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

#### Official Community Visitor scheme

247. The OCV Annual Report 2022-23 identified several systemic issues in disability services like SIL homes, with similar issues found in assisted boarding houses. What is being done to address these systemic issues, specifically in relation to implementing a consistent approach to compatibility assessments, and the involvement of residents in skills development and meaningful activities?
248. What are the current requirements for providers conducting compatibility assessments?
249. Has there been any modelling completed in relation to expanding the scope of the OCV program to include general boarding houses?
- (a) Is there any intention to expand the scope of the OCV program to include general boarding houses?
250. Has there been any modelling completed in relation to expanding the scope of the OCV program to address service gaps?
- (a) Is there any intention to expand the scope of the OCV program to address service gaps?
251. Has there been any modelling completed in relation to increase funding to hire OCVs as paid employees or contracted suppliers?
- (a) Is there any intention to increase funding to hire OCVs as paid employees or contracted suppliers?
252. How much money does the OCV scheme receive to carry out these duties each year since its introduction?

#### 2023-24 Budget NDIS contributions

253. In relation to the \$3.9 million in the Budget for cash and in-kind contributions for individual packages and other flexible supports under the NDIS, can you provide a breakdown of how this funding is distributed?
254. Did this funding come from the Federal Government?
255. How much involvement does the NSW Government and DCJ have in distributing NDIS funds to support providers?
256. How much oversight does the NSW Government have over NDIS providers?

#### Restrictive practices

257. The Disability Royal Commission published a report in July 2023 that categorised guardianship as a restrictive practice among other things. What steps are being taken to reduce and eliminate restrictive practices in NSW?



- (a) The report made eight recommendations. Has there been any consideration of implementing these recommendations?

### **Guardianship reform**

- 258. What is the progress of the reforms to the NSW Guardianship framework?
- 259. Will this reform be in line with the recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission in relation to guardianship reform?
- 260. The Audit Office of NSW found that NSW Trustee and Guardian does not have sufficient oversight to ensure that its services are consistent with legislative principles which aim to promote positive client outcomes. It also found that key findings and recommendations from previous reviews remain unresolved. What is the status of implementation of these recommendations?

### **Group homes**

- 261. The Disability Royal Commission recommended phasing out group homes. Disability advocates have been calling for this for years. Is there any progress being made in this space, in relation to phasing out group homes or preparing for a potential phase out?
- 262. What is being done to support people with disability in NSW to live in accessible individualised housing rather than group homes?

### **Alternative care arrangements**

- 263. In relation to the 471 children and young people currently in high cost arrangements including 142 in alternative care, 178 in individual placement arrangements, 86 in an interim care model, 65 in short term emergency placements and 29 in special OOHC:
  - (a) How many of these are children and young people with disability?
  - (b) How many of these are victims of family violence?
  - (c) How many are First Nations children?
  - (d) What is currently being done to reduce these numbers?

## Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion

### Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC

#### Partnership and shared decision making

264. What processes are in place to put into practice shared decision-making with Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations such as Absec and ALS at all levels of the Department?
- (a) Have all DCJ employees been given guidance and directives to work in partnership and in accordance with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap?
  - (b) What accountability processes are in place to make sure this happens?
265. The MAPG, whilst involving AbSec and SNAICC in determining the members, was an outcome of the forum that was entirely the Minister's suggestion – community had referred to a caucus in discussions within the forum and it was the only announcement made by the Minister at the conclusion of the two days. The other priorities were outlined later. Do you propose to accept the recommendations of the MAPG members in considering finalising the governance structure and do you agree that it should be incorporated into the existing Close the Gap architecture?
- (a) An example of a lack of shared decision-making was in the announcement of the Safeguarding Decision Making Panels at the Aboriginal Child and Family Wellbeing Reform Forum, as something that had already been established that the Department was hopeful of getting community involvement in. This was the first that the Aboriginal peaks had heard of this, and was not something that was designed in partnership. They were internal decision making, and the responses to budget questions, suggests it is still not finalised what role community plays.

#### Family is Culture

266. When will the next FIC progress report be issued?
267. Please stipulate the legislative changes recommended in the FIC Review that are yet to be legislated. For each recommended change, state:
- (a) If DCJ is actively considering or working towards implementation?
  - (b) Has made a decision not to proceed with the change?
  - (c) Is awaiting consideration by the Ministerial Aboriginal Partnership Group (MAP Group)
268. As the MAP Group is established, how will DCJ continue to progress the full implementation of the FIC recommendations?
269. Will you take the opportunity to publicly commit to implementing the 126 recommendations, even if you accept more could or should be done in this space?

270. To date, there is not an Implementation Plan for all of the recommendations for FIC, developed in partnership with the peaks, which has been a priority ask of the peaks consistently since publishing our Community Monitoring Framework. Again, this is in alignment with the NSW Government's under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the findings of the Family is Culture Review that self-determination, oversight and accountability to communities are the cornerstones of change/reform.
271. Please outline the progress in developing a clear and comprehensive Implementation Plan for the 126 recommendations of the FIC report, to date (removing the deference now to MAPG). What have you done to date?
272. The Government's discussion paper on legislative reform released in April 2022 referred to the second phase of legislative reform, in addition to that, there are a number of items for drafting as part of regulations that formed part of the first tranche. There appears to be a deference to the MAPG as determinative of whether those reforms will occur.
273. Is the government shying away from their previous commitment to legislative reform?
274. The Minister's commitment that there has been no pause in the implementation of the FIC recommendations – is a deference to the MAP Group in relation to legislative reform not a suggestion that this has paused?
275. Do you agree that this is an example of the kind of reform work that should not be paused in anticipation of an endorsement by the MAPG?
276. Like the matters raised above, when asked about the establishment of the commission (FIC Rec 9) and the appointment of an independent Aboriginal child and family commissioner, this was again deferred to the MAPG. It has been something raised by the NSW peaks over and over, it has progressed in the ACT without reluctance (including the announcement this week of a proud NSW-born Bundjalung woman into the role). Deference is being suggested to the MAPG, again. However, is it the case that the Department is in fact concerned that some of the roles of that Commissioner would be removed from existing appointments, such as the Guardian, Ombudsman and Advocate for Children and Young People?
277. Are you prepared to be transparent in your reservations about the role?
278. Do you agree that there is benefit to the independent oversight of the child protection system that would be offered by the role?

### **Review of structured decision making tools**

279. For the review of Structured Decision Making (SDM) tools please provide for each component of SDM tools and explicitly for the Strengths and Risk Assessment (SARA) tool:
- (a) Which internal (parts of DCJ) and external parties are undertaking the review?

- (b) Provide a breakdown of the “40 stakeholders” stated by Ms Czech who have been consulted in the review? How were these stakeholders selected?
  - (c) How have AbSec and ALS been – or how will AbSec and ALS – be involved in the review?
  - (d) How is the cultural validity and cultural safety of each tool being assessed and by who?
  - (e) What is the timeline to complete each component of the review?
280. Please stipulate the contracts (including project description, funds allocated, requirements from DCJ on stakeholder engagement and contract duration) that Evident Change has been awarded by DCJ in the last 5 years?
281. The Secretary acknowledged concerns about the SARA tool being discriminatory and its continued use being tied to ‘fulfilling our statutory responsibilities’. What legal advice has DCJ received about using the Structured Decision-Making tools, including a tool that may be discriminatory, as a decision-making instrument in child protection proceedings, including child removal decisions, for Aboriginal children and families?
282. Peaks are asking for the SDM tools currently being used to be abolished. Do you accept that the SDM suite of tools, and in particular the risk assessment tool, are racist, and therefore should be abolished?
283. Are you able to outline (without referring to AbSec and the MAPG) what you have considered as an alternative to the SDM tools to date, including what you know about assessment tools or processes used in other jurisdictions (such as QLD, who no longer uses the SDM tools)?

#### **Active Efforts**

284. Will the Active Efforts policy and associated practice guidelines to be proclaimed in November have interim or final status?
285. If the Active Efforts policy and practice guidelines have interim status, please set out:
- (a) Timelines for review and when final status will be achieved?
  - (b) How the application of Active Efforts Policy and Practice in child protection casework and Children’s Court proceedings will be monitored and results shared with peak organisations wanting to contribute to the review.
  - (c) How DCJ will work with AbSec and ALS as partners in the review process and apply shared decision-making principles to finalise the policy and practice guidelines.

#### **Restoration of Aboriginal children and young people**

286. How many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children were restored to their parents from final orders and from interim orders in 2022-23 and 2021-22?
- (a) What were the restoration rates for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children by type of order in these years?

287. How many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children were removed via a Temporary Care Arrangement (TCA) in 2021-22 and 2022-23?
- (a) Please provide a breakdown for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children in 2021-22 and 2022-23 of the proportion that moved from TCAs to legal orders and the proportion who were restored to their family.
288. In 2021-22 and 2022-23, how many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children were restored under the case management of:
- (a) ACCOs,  
 (b) NGOs, and  
 (c) DCJ
289. What is the median length of time in 2021-22 and 2022-23 that DCJ takes to transfer case management of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children to ACCOs and NGOs?
290. Is this providing ACCOs and NGOs with the opportunity to do effective and intensive case management work with the child/ren and their family in the interim order period?
291. How many referrals of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families did DCJ caseworkers make to each type of DCJ funded restoration programs in 2021-22 and 2022-23?
- (a) Please provide a breakdown by District.

### **ACCO Funding**

292. Can you advise how many Aboriginal children are case managed by non-ACCO's?
293. Can you provide a breakdown of the NGO's that are case managing, and when their funding agreements are due for renewal?
294. When you referred to the "relinquishment" of contracts with non Aboriginal service providers – is this a reference to the NGO requesting not to renew, or is this terminology DCJ is using to reflect that they will be reviewing and not-renewing those contracts?
295. What share of DCJ program funding in 2023-24 - in the areas of early intervention, family preservation, family restoration and OOHC - will be provided to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)? How does this compare to their share of funding in 2021-22 and 2022-23 and to the proportion of Aboriginal children, young people and families receiving services under each program?
296. Please provide a table that has the ACCO share of funding and % of Aboriginal clients in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 by program:
- (a) Targeted Early Intervention (TEI)  
 (b) Brighter Futures  
 (c) Intensive Family Support

- (d) Permanency Support Program (PSP) (with breakdowns for Preservation, Restoration and OOHC)

297. Is the Minister prepared to commit to implementing FIC recommendation 11? [Recommendation 11: The NSW Government should amend clause 45 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012 (NSW) and all other related clauses to ensure that only a charitable or non-profit organisation may apply to the Office of the Children's Guardian for accreditation as a designated agency.]

### **HCEA**

298. Please provide a break-down of the number of Aboriginal children in high cost emergency arrangements (HCEAs) by:

- (a) Age band
- (b) Type of HCEA
- (c) Average and median duration of stay in HCEA