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1	Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC	Two Strike Diversion Scheme - What guidelines, directions, procedures or list of criteria have been or will be developed to inform the exercise of discretion under the Scheme? (a) Please provide details of all relevant mechanisms.	I am advised: Police Standard Operating Procedures will be in place to support the scheme, alongside police training.
2	Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC	What procedures, mechanisms or arrangements have been or will be put in place with Revenue NSW to give effect to the Scheme?	I am advised: Section 23B of the Fines Act 1996 allows the Commissioner of Fines Administration to treat a fine issued under the scheme as though it has been paid once the person has completed the health intervention. Supporting changes to the Fines Regulation 2020 will also be made.
3	Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC	Will the Scheme apply to minors?	I am advised: No. Section 335 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986 does not allow police to issue Criminal Infringement Notices to a person under the age of 18 years. The Young Offenders Act 1997 provides a framework for alternative responses to offending behaviour by children and young people, including warnings, cautions and Youth Justice Conferences.
4	Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC	What is the status of the Criminal Infringement Notice while the program is being undertaken?	I am advised: If the Criminal Infringement Notice is not paid or otherwise finalised by completing the health intervention within the time required by the notice, then Revenue NSW may commence fine enforcement processes.
5	Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC	Will a Criminal Infringement Notice that is taken to be paid under section 23B of the <i>Fines Act 1996</i> be removed from COPS?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism.
6	Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC	Will an interaction with police resulting in a Criminal Infringement Notice that is later taken to be paid under section 23B of the <i>Fines Act 1996</i> be removed from COPS?	See question 5.

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7	Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC	Safe Rooms - Despite the previous government's work on safe rooms and Audio-Visual Link facilities, many regional and remote courts still have no meeting rooms for lawyers to speak with their clients privately and no safe rooms for victim-survivors, while other courts have inappropriate safe rooms. What steps is the NSW Government taking to ensure women and children are safe at court, no matter their postcode?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Every court location in NSW has either a safe room or a safe waiting arrangement for people who have experienced domestic violence. Other vulnerable persons attending court may also access these facilities.</p> <p>75% of court houses are heritage listed and 60% are over 100 years old. As a result, safe rooms and safe waiting areas vary across the network, with a small number of court locations (5) too small to include a dedicated safe room and heritage requirements prevent such a construction. In some instances, the safe waiting area may thus be off site at the police station.</p> <p>Safe waiting arrangements are determined by considering factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size of the waiting area • Accessibility to sheriffs or security arrangements at that location • Use of security cameras monitored by sheriffs at a location • Use of and monitoring of duress alarm systems at a location • Unobstructed view of the waiting area of court participants
8	Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC	In July 2022, DCJ performed a statutory review of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013. What stage is this review up to and when can victims and the domestic and family violence sector expect an outcome?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The statutory review of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 is underway.</p> <p>The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is closely considering the stakeholder submissions made in response to the Background Paper released in 2022 as part of the statutory review. Public submissions are available on DCJ's website.</p>

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9	Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>What is the status for each of the following:</p> <p>(a) the appointment of an independent Commissioner of Victims' Rights?</p> <p>(b) repealing section 229 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986, which currently allows a Magistrate to issue an arrest warrant for a victim of domestic and family violence if they do not attend court as required by a subpoena?</p> <p>(c) reinstating Order 6 Working Group and Department of Communities and Justice Domestic Violence Justice Reforms Committee, as its two year delay and unresolved position has meant that there are daily issues for victim-survivors and their children who are relying on Order 6 in their Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>(a) The NSW Government made an election commitment to appoint an Independent Victims Commissioner. This remains a priority.</p> <p>(b) Under section 229 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986, where a person has been subpoenaed to give or produce evidence, and they fail to comply with the subpoena, the court can issue a warrant for the arrest of that person. The NSW Government has not announced any changes to section 229 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986.</p> <p>(c) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is reviewing Order 6 of the standard Apprehended Domestic Violence Order conditions, as prescribed by the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Regulation 2019 (NSW).</p>
10	Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>Regarding the use of character references in cases of child sexual abuse and the 'Your Reference Ain't Relevant' Campaign, can you provide an estimated date for when the changes to the legislation will be implemented?</p> <p>(a) What is the status and timeline of the current review by DCJ?</p> <p>(b) Why was the discussion paper listed as confidential and stakeholder consultation not public?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>(a) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is considering stakeholder submissions to its review of section 21A(5A) of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999.</p> <p>(b) Due to the confined nature of the law reform issue, stakeholder consultation was targeted so that DCJ could solicit feedback from organisations likely to have experience with the operation of section 21A(5A) and child sexual abuse.</p>
11	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>What is the review date for the Drugs Diversion Scheme?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research will evaluate the scheme to assess whether it is meeting its intended objectives in diverting offenders from court and into a fine response which includes an option to participate in a health intervention. Due to the time needed to monitor the impact of the implementation of the scheme, the complete outcome of this evaluation will take 3 and a half years. The results will be published.</p>

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			In the meantime, data monitoring will be undertaken quarterly and the initial effects of the scheme on the issuing of Court Attendance Notices, Criminal Infringement Notices, and cannabis cautions will be monitored throughout implementation.
12	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What are the criteria for the review?	See question 11.
13	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the review be external or performed by the working party responsible for its introduction?	See question 11.
14	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the review include a consideration of the impact of the drugs diversion scheme on the road toll?	See question 11.
15	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	When will the results of the review be published?	See question 11.
16	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The initial contact of this diversion will be a telephone call. On this call: (a) Will a face to face appointment be scheduled? (b) If yes, in what location will the appointments be held? (c) What is the anticipated wait time for a face to face appointment? (d) Will there be a maximum time for the intervention to take place, in the same way that there is a date by which a fine must be paid? (e) If not, how will the intervention be enforced? (f) If so, how long will this period be, and what happens if an intervention cannot be scheduled within that time frame? (g) Will rehab be available to be scheduled? (h) During what time frame? (i)What wait times are anticipated?	I am advised: Details in relation to the health intervention should be directed to the Minister for Health.

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17	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will video conferencing be available?	See question 16
18	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the details of any discussion as part of this health intervention be on the offender's health record?	See question 16.
19	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the diversions be available 24/7 or schedule on set times?	I am advised: Questions concerning police should be directed to the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism. Questions in relation to the health intervention should be directed to the Minister for Health.
20	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the diversions be available on weekends?	See question 19.
21	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What identity check will be carried out to ensure that the offender is the one receiving the intervention?	I am advised: Revenue NSW will ensure stringent processes are in place to verify that a person who has received a Criminal Infringement Notice has completed the health intervention. It is an offence to provide false or misleading information under the Fines Act 1996.
22	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will there be particular identity checks for a telephone call?	See question 21.
23	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the initial telephone contact have access to the offender's health record? For example, whether they have previously attended rehab but not as part of the health intervention system?	See question 16
24	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Is there a projected cost for an initial health intervention?	I am advised: Please see the Minister for Health's response to supplementary question 45 for the Health portfolio - https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/other/18756/ASQ%20-%20Hon%20Ryan%20Park%20MP%20-%20Health,%20Regional%20Health,%20the%20Illawarra%20and%20the%20South%20Coast%20-%20received%2023%20November%202023.pdf Any further questions about health intervention should be directed to the Minister for Health.

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25	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Is there a projected maximum cost to be spent on each intervention?	Please see question 24.
26	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will there be out of pocket costs for the offender?	Please see question 24.
27	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many interventions are being budgeted for each year?	Please see question 24.
28	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many of these are expected to be telephone conversations?	Please see question 24.
29	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many of these are expected to be video conversations?	Please see question 24.
30	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many of these are expected to involve rehabilitation?	Please see question 24.
31	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Apart from a phone call or rehabilitation, what other forms are these interventions expected to take?	Please see question 24.
32	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What privacy policies will be in place to protect information about the offenders?	I am advised: A person undertaking the health intervention will be required to consent to the health service provider sharing information with Revenue NSW for the purposes of finalising the Criminal Infringement Notice. The only information shared between the health service provider and Revenue NSW is whether the person has completed the health intervention.
33	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What advice was received about information management in designing the mix of interventions?	See question 32
34	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If the initial assessment does not indicate problematic drug use will an intervention still be provided? (a) Will a fine be payable? (b) Or will no further action be required in waiving the CIN?	I am advised: The initial assessment forms part of the health intervention. The fine is considered paid upon completion of the health intervention.
35	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Please provide details of all academic and other studies which informed this policy.	I am advised:

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			<p>The scheme provides a direct and key criminal justice response to the findings and recommendations of the Ice Inquiry, which heard extensive evidence from experts and community members. Notably, as an alternative to decriminalisation, the Ice Inquiry recommended a legislated police diversion scheme for personal use/possession of prohibited drugs with referral to tailored health/social/education intervention (recommendation 12).</p> <p>Data from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research indicates that most people who commit low-level drug offences proceed through the Local Court and receive low level penalties, including fines.</p>
36	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If the CIN is waived after the completion of a health intervention will this appear on a criminal record check?</p> <p>(a) What about after the second intervention?</p> <p>(b) What about after both interventions have been delivered?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>No, once a Criminal Infringement Notice has been finalised by payment or completion of the health intervention, it will not appear on a person's criminal record.</p>
37	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>After both interventions have been received will this be taken into account when prosecuting a third offence or will it still be considered a first offence?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>On the third or subsequent detection NSW Police will issue a Court Attendance Notice to the offender. Police prosecutions are a matter for the Minister for Police.</p>
38	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>Will the cost of the health interventions be borne by the Department of Health or the Department of Communities and Justice?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>It will be borne by NSW Health.</p>
39	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If someone completes two health interventions but is then charged with a non-drugs related crime, will these health interventions be considered when deciding to prosecute?</p> <p>(a) Will the completion of these health interventions be considered as part of a good character test?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Questions concerning Police prosecutions should be directed to the Minister for Police.</p>
40	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If someone completes one or two health interventions, and then is charged with drug supply, will these be considered by the DPP when prosecuting?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) considers a range of factors in prosecuting a matter, in line with the DPP's Prosecution Guidelines.</p> <p>The NSW Police Force is responsible for prosecuting minor drug use and possession offences in the Local Court, not the DPP.</p>

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41	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If someone is waiting to complete a health intervention but is then charged with a non-drugs related offence will they still be able to complete the health intervention and waive the fine?	I am advised: Unless the Criminal Infringement Notice is withdrawn by the NSW Police Force or Revenue NSW, a person can complete the health intervention to waive the fine.
42	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If someone is waiting to complete a health intervention but is then charged with a drug supply offence will they still be able to complete the health intervention and waive the fine?	See question 41.
43	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What criteria will be considered in determining how to tailor a health intervention for an individual?	See question 16.
44	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If someone has already been in residential rehab but has since relapsed and received a CIN, will this be part of the criteria when designing the health intervention?	See question 16.
45	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How is the funding for the drug diversion scheme being distributed across the State? For example, is it being distributed by electorate or local government area (or some other way)?	See question 24.
46	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the exact breakdown of funding across each of these areas?	See question 24.
47	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If the funding is not equal across each area, what was the process and reasoning behind determining what community gets what funding?	See question 24.
48	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the funds be equally distributed and will people in rural and regional areas have the same access to the diversion schemes as those in the city?	See question 24.

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49	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What statistics will be recorded for future offences?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics (BOCSAR) will measure and report to agencies on a range of indicators so that agencies may monitor implementation of the scheme. BOCSAR will also be using this data in its evaluation of the scheme.
50	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What statistics will be recorded about kinds of drugs?	See question 49
51	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What advice was received about impression management in determining the mix of diversions to be offered?	I am advised: The telehealth session provided under the scheme is within the scope of practice for qualified and skilled alcohol and other drug specialist service providers. Further questions regarding detail of the health intervention should be directed to the Minister for Health.
52	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the drugs be confiscated by police when issuing the CIN?	I am advised: Yes.
53	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If the diversion is rehabilitation what time frame is required for it to be completed?	See question 16
54	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What feedback from stakeholder consultation was incorporated in the draft conversion therapy bill?	I am advised: All stakeholder feedback is being carefully considered to inform the development of the legislation.
55	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	When will the results of this stakeholder consultation be made public?	I am advised: All stakeholder feedback is being carefully considered to inform the development of the legislation. As the consultation was confidential, stakeholder submissions are not being made public.
56	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has there been any research into the impacts of similar legislation in other jurisdictions?	I am advised: Development of the legislation has included consideration of the legislative models in other comparable jurisdictions.

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57	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Given that the UK and Scotland have paused plans for similar legislation because of concerns about the impact on religious freedom and interactions between parents and children, have these concerns been considered in the draft bill?	<p>The NSW Government was clear that neither taking offence at the teachings of a religious leader nor expressing a religious belief through sermon will be banned. It will also not be illegal for a consenting individual to seek guidance through prayer. This remains the NSW Government's position.</p> <p>These issues are being carefully considered in the development of the legislation. This includes consideration of stakeholder submissions.</p>
58	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Why is this being pursued in NSW when it is being paused in other jurisdictions?	Introducing a ban on LGBTQ+ conversion practices was a commitment made by the NSW Government prior to the election. Development of the legislation has considered legislative bans in place in other comparable jurisdictions and other related developments.
59	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>59. The Portfolio Committee No. 5 in the complaints handling process of the Anti-Discrimination Act said:</p> <p>"The committee is concerned that some individuals have the ability to use the complaints process inappropriately, in situations where they may not have been personally impacted and/or where the acts of potential discrimination are not even occurring in New South Wales. We are concerned about the unfair pressure this places on respondents, and how this goes against the very principles of fairness anti-discrimination legislation aims to achieve. "Despite stakeholders having different views on some of the amendments... the committee agrees that there are improvements that could be made to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to minimise the potential abuse of the complaints process"</p> <p>Will improvements be made to this act before the introduction of this bill?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>There are a range of existing safeguards to protect against frivolous or unmeritorious complaints in the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This includes standing requirements and a mechanism to allow vexatious complaints to be declined. In addition, the NSW Law Reform Commission is in the process of conducting a comprehensive review of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The terms of reference require the Commission to consider issues including the adequacy and accessibility of complaints procedures and remedies.</p>
7 (Note this is misnumbering by Parliamentary Committee)	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Are there provisions in the bill to minimise the potential abuse of the complaints process?	The draft bill concerning the banning of conversion practices remains under development by the NSW Government.

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60	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Please provide a list of examples of times in which consultation for a draft bill was conducted by invitation rather than a public call for comment.	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The purpose of undertaking a confidential consultation process was to facilitate frank discussion and contributions from stakeholders on contested issues. It is not uncommon for targeted and confidential consultation to be undertaken in the development of legislative reform.</p> <p>Other examples of targeted confidential consultation include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the consent reforms under the <i>Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Consent Reforms) Act 2021</i>, noting this followed the NSW Law Reform Commission's review of consent in sexual offences . • reforms to money laundering under the <i>Crimes Legislation Amendment (Money Laundering) Act 2022</i>. • the no body, no parole reforms under the <i>Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Amendment (No Body, No Parole) Act 2022</i>; and • the historical sentencing reforms under the <i>Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment Act 2022</i>.
61	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Opera House - How many charges have been laid regarding the protests on the 9th of October?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>As at 21 November 2023, NSW Police have stated that investigations are currently continuing.</p>
62	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Does the DPP intend to begin any prosecutions based on these charges?	The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is an independent statutory office holder exercising her prosecutorial functions independently of Government and is not subject to the direction or control of the Attorney General. It would be inappropriate to comment on the DPP's intentions.
63	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will these prosecutions be breaches of hate speech and vilification laws?	See 62.
64	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many prosecutions have been terminated by the ODPP involving Indigenous complainants because they determined that the existing trial processes are not culturally safe?	The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is an independent statutory office holder exercising her prosecutorial functions independently of Government and is not subject to the direction or control of the Attorney General. Prosecutions are only to be terminated by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) when doing so would be consistent with the Prosecution Guidelines. The Director's reasons for discontinuing any particular prosecution are subject to her legal professional privilege. The Director exercises her statutory functions under the <i>Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1986</i> and in accordance with the Prosecution Guidelines. Chapter 1 of the Prosecution Guidelines outlines that the public interest is the paramount consideration when deciding whether to prosecute. This includes a consideration of discretionary factors, such as the views and wellbeing of any complainant, which must be taken into account pursuant to the Charter of Victims Rights.

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65	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Can you provide a list of all of these prosecutions?	See 64.
66	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Have any prosecutions been terminated by the ODPP in relation to the trial processes not being culturally safe for other cultures? (for example, people with a Chinese or Pacific Islander Background)	See 64.
67	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Does the ODPP put more weight on cultural safety of witnesses than community security?	See 64.
68	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has a response been sent to the sister of Leisl Smith?	I am advised: My office has contacted Ms Smith's sister.
69	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If yes, when?	7 December 2023.
70	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Please provide the dates of all meetings the Attorney General has had with representatives from the Jewish Board of Deputies.	I am advised: Ministers' Diary Disclosures are published on The Cabinet Office website. 2023 ministers' diary disclosures NSW Government
71	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Please provide the dates of all meetings the Attorney General has had with representatives from the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.	See 70.
72	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Please provide the dates of all meetings the Attorney General has had with representatives from the Australian National Imams Council.	See 70.
73	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	When was the last review of the MERIT Programme?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) completed an evaluation of MERIT in 2009. A new evaluation of the MERIT program commenced in 2020, led by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Council (NDARC) and the BOCSAR.

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			The evaluation will focus on key health and justice outcomes for MERIT participants, and includes economic, qualitative and quantitative components. The evaluation has not yet been completed.
74	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What were the findings of this review?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The 2009 evaluation demonstrated that MERIT is an efficacious drug diversion program that reduces re-offending among defendants who complete the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance into the MERIT program, regardless of completion, was found to significantly reduce the number of defendants committing any theft re-offence by an estimated four percentage points. • Acceptance and completion of the MERIT program significantly reduced the number of defendants committing any type of offence by an estimated 12 percentage points.
75	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What other programmes achieve outcomes as positive as the MERIT Programme?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Diversion programs funded by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) are evaluated for efficacy and focus on justice and health outcomes within the program. Programs are not comparatively assessed or evaluated against other programs.</p>
76	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How much money is being spent on expanding the MERIT Programme?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>\$35.1 million is being invested over four years from 2022/23 to 2025/26, to expand MERIT.</p>
77	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many days a week is the Drug Court in Dubbo sitting?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Drug Court in Dubbo sits two days a week.</p>
78	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Do you have any figures available on the success of the Drug Court in Dubbo?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Drug Court in Dubbo commenced sitting on 20 February 2023. As of 6 November 2024, the Dubbo Drug Court has received 57 referrals, 48 accepted onto program, 27 commenced the program.</p>
79	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has the Department, or will the Department, be undertaking a review of the impact of the Drug Court in Dubbo for health and justice outcomes in the community?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Dubbo Drug Court is not currently under review nor has it been identified as the subject of a future review for health and justice outcomes.</p>

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80	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Budget Paper No. 3, Page 4-8, lists a little over \$14 million allocated to the expansion of the Drug Court. What locations does this expansion include?	I am advised: This expansion covers the Dubbo and Sydney Drug Courts.
81	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The Government is expanding the sitting days of the Drug Court within the CBD. How much of the money allocated is being spent on this expansion?	I am advised: \$10.7 million is allocated to the Department of Communities and Justice for the CBD expansion.
82	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How much was spent expanding the Drug Court within Dubbo?	I am advised: \$1.614 million was spent to expand the Drug Court within Dubbo (Capex only). Funding for the operation of the Dubbo Drug Court is ongoing.
83	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The Drug Court is in four locations throughout NSW, Sydney CBD, Parramatta, Dubbo, and Toronto within the Hunter Region. Does this government have any plans to expand the court in the southwest of NSW?	I am advised: See 80.
84	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What are the wait times for the Drug Court within the CBD and Parramatta?	I am advised: There are no wait times for an eligible person, who has been referred from another court to the Drug Court, to be placed in the ballot for selection into the program. If successful in the ballot, participants at all Drug Courts may be required to wait in custody for an assessment and a treatment plan to commence. Further questions on wait in custody data for eligible drug court participants should be referred to the Minister for Health.
85	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many people can be assisted through the Drug Court within these two centres?	I am advised: The Sydney Drug Court can currently support up to 80 participants per year. The Parramatta Drug Court can support up to 160 participants per year.
86	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many through Toronto and Dubbo?	I am advised: The Toronto Drug Court can support up to 80 participants per year. The Dubbo Drug Court can support up to 80 participants per year.
87	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the waiting time for the Drugs Court programme? Is there a major	I am advised: There are no wait times for an eligible person, who has been referred from another court to the Drug Court, to be placed in the ballot for selection into the program. If successful in the ballot, participants at all Drug Courts may be required to wait in

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		difference in waiting times between Regional and City locations?	custody for an assessment and a treatment plan to commence. Further questions on wait in custody data for eligible drug court participants should be referred to the Minister for Health.
88	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What are the wait times for the MERIT Programme?	I am advised: Guidelines for adjournments included in the current MERIT Operational Manual estimate up to 3 weeks for comprehensive assessment by the MERIT team. In most cases, people referred to the MERIT program are assessed for eligibility and suitability within 2 weeks and commence treatment once accepted onto the program by the magistrate. Acceptance onto the program by the magistrate is usually within 2-4 weeks of referral to the program. On occasion, delays in access to MERIT may occur when the program is oversubscribed or when there is limited capacity of NSW Health to respond to demand. As a last resort, sites may suspend new referrals for short periods to manage demand.
89	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many people does the MERIT Programme assist at any one time?	I am advised: From 2020-2022 at any one time over a 12-week period, MERIT has assisted an average of 486.5 people.
90	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many people have completed the MERIT Programme?	I am advised: From 2000-2022, there has been 26,143 MERIT completers. For recent years this includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,265 completers in 2022 • 1,168 completers in 2021 1,503 completers in 2020
91	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Can I confirm that the MERIT Programme is offered at every Local Court?	MERIT is not offered at every NSW Local Court. MERIT is being expanded in four phases across 2022/23 to 2025/26. Prior to its expansion, MERIT has been available at 62 Local Courts across NSW. This includes 55 sites which provide Drug MERIT services and 7 sites which provide Drug and Alcohol MERIT services. Once complete, MERIT's expansion will increase the availability of services to 45 Drug MERIT and 47 Drug and Alcohol MERIT sites across NSW, i.e., 92 of the 137 NSW Local Court, enhancing MERIT's reach from 82 per cent to 93 per cent of eligible clients across NSW.
92	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	(If not all) So what factors determine the availability of this programme? What role does funding play in making this programme more broadly available?	In determining the selection of courts for MERIT's expansion and enhancement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, NSW Local Court data collected by BOCSAR between 2016-19 was analysed on the basis of the court's size i.e. number of finalised charges and the proportion of alcohol and/or other drug related charges. • Second, the following criteria were applied:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural and regional locations have been given higher priority. - Current listing and sitting arrangements of Local Courts, including the opening hours and their corresponding hub courts. - Capacity of existing MERIT teams to travel between courts to deliver the service. - Locations with high rates of Aboriginal defendants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third, anticipating the impact of MERIT's expansion, Courts Tribunals and Service Delivery (CTSD) and the Chief Magistrate's Office (CMO) were consulted to determine potential risks and operational challenges for Local Court staff and registries to accommodate MERIT. <p>Funding is one aspect relevant to making MERIT more broadly available. The scoping of future MERIT sites must consider value based on health and justice costs, whether potential sites could benefit from the availability of existing alcohol and/or other drug (AOD) rehabilitation services, whether potential sites would fill a critical gap in the availability of these services, and the recruitment and operational challenges for MERIT teams in regional and rural locations.</p>
93	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How long do you understand the average intervention in this programme to be?	MERIT is a 12-week alcohol and/or other drug (AOD) treatment program. MERIT teams author a Progress Report at 6 weeks and a Final Report at 12 weeks outlining the defendant's response to treatment and an ongoing care plan which are provided to the magistrate and may inform sentencing.
94	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	An analysis of the MERIT Programme by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research notes that it is a relatively short programme compared to other drug diversion programmes. Yet at three months, it is significantly longer than most of the health interventions which are likely to form part of the new drugs diversion programme. What evidence is there to indicate that the interventions will be efficacious despite being of a much shorter duration?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Unlike the Drug Court and MERIT, which are court-based programs targeted to offenders with serious and problematic drug use, the drug diversion scheme targets people at the police detection stage and only for low-level drug offending. It is designed to keep people out of court altogether and provide access to a health intervention where currently there is none. Due to the eligibility parameters of the scheme, it is expected most people will have a low level of substance use.</p>
95	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The press release from 10 October which announced the drugs diversion and health intervention policy notes that NSW Police will retain their discretion in all cases to charge a person and proceed to court. Are any guidelines being developed to indicate	<p>I am advised:</p>

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		situations in which the DPP will proceed with a prosecution?	The NSW Police Force is responsible for prosecuting minor drug use and possession offences in the Local Court, not the DPP. Police Standard Operating Procedures will be in place to support the scheme, alongside police training.) More serious drug offending which would be prosecuted by the DPP, does not fall within the pre-court diversion scheme.
96	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The press release notes that the drugs diversion policy is an evidence-based approach. What evidence has the policy been based on?	See question 35.
97	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Can you provide an example of a jurisdiction in which a drug diversion programme has been implemented which has resulted in better health outcomes for the community?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Ice Inquiry noted that diversion is proven to lead to improved outcomes for offenders, through reduced drug use and criminal behaviour, and improved physical health, mental health and relationships with significant others.</p> <p>The South Australian Police Drug Diversion Initiative (PDDI) is a drug diversion scheme which has operated since 2001. PDDI requires police to divert adults detected for simple possession drug offences away from the criminal justice system and into a health assessment. Its aim is to provide individuals with the opportunity to address their drug use through health services and reduce the number of people appearing before the courts for use or possession of illicit drugs offences.</p> <p>In 2012, the SA Office of Crime Statistic and Research conducted an evaluation of PDDI to examine its first ten years of operation. The study found that the overall compliance rate for the diversion (attending the health assessment) was 81%. Individuals who comply with their diversion were significantly less likely to re-offend. Further, those who comply with their initial diversion but do eventually reoffend generally take longer to do so.</p>
98	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many mandatory disease testing orders have been made to date?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>As at 21 November 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the NSW Police Force had received 101 mandatory testing order applications, of which 27 had been granted. • Corrective Services NSW had received 28 mandatory testing order applications, of which 8 had been granted. • No orders had been made in respect of Youth Justice NSW or the Office of the Sheriff of NSW.

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			<p>As at 5 October 2023, there had been no mandatory testing orders made from all NSW Health agencies. One mandatory testing order application had been made which was refused.</p> <p>The NSW Ombudsman is reviewing the operation of the Mandatory Disease Testing Act 2021 pursuant to section 36. The NSW Ombudsman's report is to be prepared as soon as practicable after 29 July 2023 (12 months after the commencement of section 36).</p>
99	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>Coercive control includes seeking to control the choices of another. The NSW government's website indicates that coercive control includes: "exploiting a person's ...medical condition to make decisions about their care...to disempower [or]...control ...them". Voluntary Assisted Dying laws commence in NSW on 28th of this month. Has the Implementation and Evaluation Taskforce for Coercive Control considered the legal ramifications of these two pieces of legislation interacting?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Implementation and Evaluation Taskforce is a statutory body, with prescribed issues that it considers and provides advice to Government on. This does not expressly include the interaction with Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation.</p> <p>The Coercive Control Implementation and Evaluation Taskforce's workplan is informed by its main purposes, which are prescribed by section 54I(3) of the Crimes Act 1900 as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to consult with stakeholders, including reference groups established under this section, about the offence under section 54D (the coercive control offence) and related matters, (b) to provide advice about, and monitor, training, education and resourcing in relation to the coercive control offence, (c) to provide advice about the commencement dates of, and interaction between, the definition of domestic abuse in the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007, section 6A and the coercive control offence, (d) to evaluate implementation of the coercive control offence and resourcing in relation to the coercive control offence, (e) to monitor the operation of this Division, including— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the practical application of defences to the coercive control offence, and (ii) resourcing in relation to the operation of the Division, (f) to provide advice to the Minister about other matters related to a matter in paragraph (a)–(e) or the coercive control offence. <p>The coercive control offence is defined in the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Act 2022, to be inserted as section 54D of the Crimes Act 1900 on 1 July 2024. It will be subject to statutory review as per section 54J of the Crimes Act 1900 two years after it commences.</p> <p>The voluntary assisted dying reforms are a matter for NSW Health. The independent Voluntary Assisted Dying Board is the independent oversight and decision-making body with responsibility for performing and exercising the powers conferred upon it by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022</p>

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100	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	At what stage is the training for the ODPP for coercive control implementation currently?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) is delivering coercive control training to all legal staff and to Witness Assistance Service Officers state-wide, across its 10 offices, which includes regional locations. The training consists of a combination of face-to-face seminars and skills training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online seminars/distance learning • online competency training • guest lectures • the creation of dedicated online content. <p>The training package is centred on the following three key components: Understanding Coercive Control; Coercive Control Victims; Prosecuting Coercive Control. The ODPP has consulted with a variety of stakeholders, including members of the Lived Expertise Reference Group, in designing and developing the program.</p> <p>As at 30 October 2023, the following sessions have been delivered or scheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of Coercive Control series by The Honourable Justice Jacoba Brasch (16 October 2023) • Understanding Coercive Control in diverse communities: Dr Ellen Reeves (LGBTQIA+); Jess Harkins (Refugee and Migrant Communities); Christine Robinson (First Nations) – October/ November 2023 • Dynamics of Coercive Control by Dr Hayley Boxall (18-19 December 2023) • Lived experience of Coercive Control: Lived Expertise Reference Group panel discussion (18-19 December 2023) and podcast series (early 2024) • The experience in Scotland by Moira Price (18-19 December 2023) • Legislative background and prosecution of offence by Michelle England and Dominique Kelly (18-19 December 2023) • Investigation/evidence acquisition for Coercive Control and Use of Digital evidence by NSW Police (18-19 December 2023) <p>To be confirmed topic/ presenter – Crown Prosecutor’s conference in first week of April 2024</p>

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101	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	At what stage is the training for the NSW for coercive control implementation police force?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Phase 1 online component has been completed by all available NSW Police Force employees (sworn and unsworn). Phase 1 introduces coercive control, the legislative reforms and behaviours relevant to coercive control. Phase 1 is complete.</p> <p>Phase 2 involves face-to-face training to sworn members of the NSW Police Force and is currently being delivered until 30 June 2024. This training focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recording and responding to coercive control • collecting and recording evidence • prosecuting coercive control offences, and • the complexity and nuance within different communities, with a focus on First Nations communities and culturally and linguistically diverse communities. <p>Specialised training packages are also being developed, tailored for police prosecutors and investigators and will be delivered to specialist police until 30 June 2024.</p> <p>Phase 3 will commence in June 2024 and run until June 2026. Phase 3 combines phases 1 and 2 to form a training package to be delivered in the Constable Development Program.</p>
102	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many officers have received the training so far?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Please see answers given at the Police Budget Estimates 2023-24 initial hearings 7 November 2023.</p>
103	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Will the training programme be completed by the February 2024 when the definition of Coercive Control is inserted into the Act?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The definition of domestic abuse is to be inserted into the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 on 1 February 2024. The coercive control offence is to be inserted into the Crimes Act on 1 February 2024 at the earliest and 1 July 2024 at the latest. The Taskforce has determined the coercive control offence should commence on 1 July 2024. This will accommodate the planned training by criminal justice agencies which is outlined the Taskforce's statutory reports.</p>
104	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Is there any anticipation of delay in the implementation and delivery of the role of this task force?	<p>This question was answered on page 38 of the transcript:</p> <p>Mr MICHAEL DALEY: <i>I'll be guided by the advice of the department that's overseeing the implementation of it. I don't anticipate there'll be any advice to me that it's not ready. The legislation requires the</i></p>

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			<p>department to update me on a six-monthly basis as to its state of readiness or otherwise. At the most recent update, the advice was that it's on track.</p> <p>The Taskforce will report on implementation in December 2023 and no delays are anticipated.</p>
105	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022/23, what was the number of people charged with a domestic violence assault who had an earlier domestic assault charge in the last 12 months?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Of the 19,343 people legally proceeded against by the NSW Police Force for a domestic violence assault in the 12 months to June 2023, 2,115 (10.9%), had been proceeded against by the NSW Police Force for a domestic violence assault in the previous 12 months.</p>
106	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022/23, what was the proportion of children and young people re-reported at risk of significant harm (ROSH) within 12 months?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>This question should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities.</p>
107	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022/23, what was the number of children and young people exiting out-of-home care to restoration, guardianship or adoption?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>See 106</p>
108	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022/23, what was the number of entries to out-of-home care?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>See 106</p>
109	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$813.9 million to support courts and tribunals in New South Wales.	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Budget Papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The Budget Papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.</p>
110	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$481.1 million to support Legal Aid NSW in providing legal services to disadvantaged clients in most areas of criminal, civil and family law?	<p>The Budget Papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The Budget Papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.</p> <p>The 2022-2023 Legal Aid NSW Annual Report also provides detailed financial statements.</p>

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111	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$215.1 million to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in New South Wales supporting the operations of the State's independent prosecutor in the NSW Children's, Local, District and Supreme courts?	The Budget Papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The Budget Papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole. The 2022-2023 Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Annual Report also provides detailed financial statements.
112	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$175.5 million to support Victims Services?	See 109.
113	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$75.9 for Crown Solicitor's Office?	The Budget Papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The Budget Papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole. The 2022-2023 NSW Crown Solicitor's Office Annual Report also provides detailed financial statements.
114	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$18.0 million capital expenditure for the expansion of Audio-Visual Link facilities to 53 additional courts and tribunals, to enable court participants to appear remotely?	See 109.
115	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$1.4 million and \$2.0 million in capital expenditure for Court Appointed Questioners to ensure domestic violence complainants are not directly questioned by a self-represented defendant?	See 109.
116	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$13.8 million to support three additional District Court judges to address court backlog arising from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on court operation?	See 109.

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117	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$2.6 million to pilot bail advocacy and support services for Aboriginal youth and Aboriginal women in Newcastle and Sydney	I am advised: The Minister for Youth Justice is responsible for questions regarding pilot bail advocacy and support services for Aboriginal youth and Aboriginal women.
118	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$2.4 million to pilot the Aboriginal Legal Service Child and Family Advocacy and Support program?	See 109.
119	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted – \$1.8 million (\$7.3 million over four years) to support equal and genuine partnerships between Aboriginal communities and the NSW Government to improve justice outcomes, and family and community safety?	See 109.
120	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, how much was spent of budgeted \$1.1 million to support a partnership between the Department of Communities and Justice and the Aboriginal Legal Service, aimed at reducing Aboriginal children’s interactions with the criminal justice system?	See 109.
121	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was percentage of Local Court criminal cases finalised within six months?	I am advised: The Local Court publishes an annual review on the operations of the court for the period 1 January to 31 December. Data concerning criminal case finalisation is contained within the Annual Review.

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122	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was percentage of District Court criminal cases finalised within 12 months?	I am advised: The District Court publishes an annual review on the operations of the court for the period 1 January to 31 December. Data concerning criminal case finalisation is contained within the Annual Review.
123	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was percentage of domestic violence related criminal offences finalised in the Local Court within 3 months of the first court appearance	See 121.
124	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was percentage of District Court criminal cases finalised within 24 months?	See 122.
125	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was percentage of Local Court criminal cases finalised within 12 months?	See 121.
126	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was percentage of New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) cases finalised within 6 months?	I am advised: The NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal publishes an annual review on the operations of the court for the period 1 January to 31 December. Data concerning finalisation is contained within the Annual Report.
127	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was number of young people each year who reoffend within 12 months of participation in a Youth Justice Conference or completion of a custodial order or sentence to a supervision order?	I am advised: 134 (69.4%) of young people released from sentenced custody in the 12 months ending June 2022 reoffended within 12 months. 524 (49.9%) of young people who commenced a supervised community order in the 12 months ending June 2022 reoffended within 12 months.

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			<p>275 (35.4%) of young people who participated in a Youth Justice Conference in the 12 months ending June 2022 reoffended within 12 months.</p> <p>Reoffending is any new offence that takes place within 12 months of the reference date, and is proven in court or dealt with by Youth Justice Centre.</p>
128	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was proportion of adult offenders receiving a supervised community sentence who have a new proven personal, property or serious drug offence within 12 months of sentence?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The most recent data available is for reoffending in the 12 months to June 2023.</p> <p>The annual average reoffending rate for adult offenders receiving a supervised community sentence in the year ending June 2022 who have a new proven personal, property or serious drug offence within 12 months of sentence is 15.0%</p>
129	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In 2022-23, what was proportion of adult offenders released from custody who have a new proven personal, property or serious drug offence in the 12 months following release?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The most recent data available is for reoffending in the 12 months to June 2023.</p> <p>The annual average reoffending rate for adults released from sentenced custody in the year ending June 2022 with a new proven personal/property/serious drug offence within 12 months of release is 28.3%</p>
130	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	On page 8-8 of the 2022-2023 Outcomes Statement, Budget Paper No. 2, it notes that 'the long- term increase in the number and complexity of criminal lodgements is the primary challenge facing this Outcome. Is this still the primary challenge for the Department of Communities and Justice?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The long-term increase in the number and complexity of criminal lodgements is one of the challenges faced by Department of Communities and Justice.</p>

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131	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In order to address this challenge the 2022-2023 Budget included \$813.9 million to support courts and tribunals in NSW. How much has been invested into courts and tribunals over the 2023-2024 period?	I am advised: The 2023-2024 Budget Papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The 2023-2024 Budget Papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.
132	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What percentage increase/decrease, adjusted for inflation, does this represent?	See 131.
133	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The 2023-2024 Budget Paper No. 1, on Page A5-11, includes a reduction of operating costs across the Department of Communities and Justice. What is the total of this reduction?	See 131.
134	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What steps have been taken to achieve this operating cost reduction?	See 131.
135	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Have any programmes been unfunded as a result of this reduction?	See 131.
136	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Budget Paper No. 3, Page 4-8, notes an allocation of \$871,000 to improve Local Court Capacity. Which Local Courts are being improved under this allocation?	I am advised: Upgrades are occurring to the Local Court in Parramatta. Further works are currently being scoped and planned.
137	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In February of this year the Coalition Government announced a \$5.1 million upgrade of the Port Macquarie Courthouse, beginning in April of this year. Is that upgrade going ahead?	I am advised: The Port Macquarie Courthouse expansion is progressing, is on track, and is estimated to be completed by end of March 2024.
138	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Are there any planned upgrades for the Campbelltown Courthouse?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice operates and maintains a large and diverse portfolio of court and tribunal assets and facilities across NSW. A key enabler to continuing access to justice is to have assets and facilities that are in optimal condition and with the capacity and capability needed to support the delivery of services, both now and into the future. The Department of Communities and Justice, as part of its asset management activities, continues to assess the demand and

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			needs of existing courthouses across New South Wales to make recommendations for future investments in court infrastructure. Future investment proposals are considered as part of the state's budget process.
139	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How much funding has been allocated for the Parramatta Justice Precinct?	I am advised: The Parramatta Justice Precinct redevelopment project is in the planning stage.
140	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the expected completion date of these works?	See 131.
141	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Apart from Audiovisual upgrades, what infrastructure is funded under Phase 2 of the Sustaining Critical Infrastructure Program? Does it include physical upgrades to courthouses?	I am advised: The Sustaining Critical Infrastructure Program (SCIP) Phase 2 for 2023/24, comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace Office Upgrades to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Service Centres • Corrective Services Asset Replacement/Renewal Program • Corrective Services Fire, Life & Safety Program (upgrades) • Courts and Tribunals AVL upgrades/replacements • Courts and Tribunals security (PTZ) cameras upgrades/replacements • Courts and Tribunals remote security monitoring program • DCJ security assets replacement • Courts and Tribunals Fire, Life & Safety Program (upgrades) • Courts and Tribunals security upgrades. It does include physical upgrades to courthouses. Example projects for 2023/24 are:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire, life & safety upgrades at Campbelltown Courthouse (emergency warning system) • Security upgrades to the Central Courthouse switchboard • Security upgrades to Newcastle Courthouse CCTV and duress system <p>The 2024/25 SCIP funding has not been allocated at a program level; this will be completed prior to July 2025 based on critical infrastructure priorities.</p>
142	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	The budget includes \$9.5 million for Legal Aid NSW to implement a new platform that will make applying for legal assistance “quicker and easier”. It is said that the money will allow the organisation to use the latest technology to better manage applications and support private practitioners who deliver these services to disadvantaged clients. Can you explain what this system is and how it will benefit disadvantaged clients?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The new system will replace Legal Aid NSW’s ageing legacy system for managing applications for grants of aid and assigning matters to both in-house and private practitioners. The new system will streamline processes for panel practitioners and clients. This will provide faster turnarounds for grants of legal aid and reduce wait times for disadvantaged clients who are eligible for legal aid. It will also provide greater protection against privacy and cyber security breaches.</p>
143	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Minister Daley has said that 61% of Legal Aid clients live in Regional NSW. Will this system benefit those clients?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Yes. The new system will provide faster turnarounds for grants of legal aid and reduce wait times for all clients including those in regional NSW regardless of whether the client lodges the application themselves or has a local solicitor on a Legal Aid NSW panel lodge it on their behalf.</p>
144	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Do the guidelines prioritise funding appeals or committal and first instance work?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Legal Aid NSW eligibility criteria are approved by the Board and published on the Legal Aid NSW website. There are different eligibility policies for committal/trials and appeals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eligibility for a criminal indictable matter (Early Appropriate Guilty Plea (committal) and Trial) have the same eligibility criteria and require an applicant to satisfy the Means Test. • The eligibility criteria for a criminal appeal requires an applicant to satisfy the Means Test, the Merit Test (reasonable prospects of success), and that Legal Aid NSW is satisfied that it is an appropriate expenditure of limited legal aid funds.

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145	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What are the criteria which would encourage Legal Aid to fund an appeal?	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Legal Aid NSW will fund an appeal where the applicant satisfies the Merit Test, and that it is an appropriate expenditure of limited legal aid funds.</p> <p>In determining whether an applicant for legal aid satisfies the Merit Test for an appeal before the Court of Criminal Appeal, Legal Aid NSW will take into consideration that the Court may dismiss the appeal on the basis of the proviso in s. 6 of the <i>Criminal Appeal Act 1912</i>.</p> <p>In determining whether an applicant for legal aid satisfies the Merit Test to respond to an appeal a under s. 5F of the <i>Criminal Appeal Act 1912</i> or to respond to a Crown sentence appeal in the Court of Criminal Appeal, Legal Aid NSW will take into consideration that there is a presumption of merit on the basis that there is a judgment or order that is favourable to the applicant and is the subject of the appeal brought by another party to the proceedings.</p> <p>For all other appeals, Legal Aid NSW obtains advice from Counsel in order to determine merit. In more complex appeal matters advice is obtained from Senior Counsel.</p>
146	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	For a number of years, the budget papers have included a volume called the Outcomes Statement, that's correct isn't it?	See 131.
147	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	In previous years has the Department of Communities and Justice prepared information for insertion in a volume called the Outcomes Statement for use in the budget?	See 131.

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148	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>Is that the case for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.
149	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Please provide all drafts and any final versions of the information that each of the above assembled for the 2023/24 financial year for the purposes of possible	See 131.

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		use in an Outcomes Statement in the budget or the budget papers?	

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150	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>For each separately answer if, the Government has for 2023/24 articulated State Outcomes (defined on page i of the 2022/23 Budget papers vol 2 as) meaning goals and priorities that the government is seeking to achieve across all of the activities of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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151	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If the answer to the previous question is yes for any part, what are the State Outcomes for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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152	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>What were the 2022/23 State Outcomes for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The 2022-2023 Budget Papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The 2022-2023 Budget Papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.</p>

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153	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>For each separately answer if, the Government has articulated for each State Outcome, any Outcome Indicators for 2023/24 (defined on page i of the 2022/23 Budget papers vol 2 as) that measure the progress in achieving the 2023/24 outcomes, with targets that set the desired level of performance for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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154	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If the answer to the previous question is yes for any part, what are the Outcome Indicators for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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155	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What were the 2022/23 Outcome Indicators for each of: (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?	See 152.

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156	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>For each separately answer if, the Government has for 2023/24 articulated Programs (defined on page i of the 2022/23 Budget papers vol 2 as) that are a collection of Government activities, tasks, divisions or functions to deliver specific objectives to support the State Outcome across all of the activities of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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157	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If the answer to the previous question is yes for any part, what are the Programs for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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158	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What were the 2022/23 Programs for each of: (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?	See 152.

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159	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>For each separately answer if, the Government has articulated for each Program, any Program Performance Measures for 2023/24 (defined on page i of the 2022/23 Budget papers vol 2 as) that measure the performance of each Program and are used to assess efficiency, effectiveness and equity in delivering outcomes for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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160	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>If the answer to the previous question is yes for any part, what are the Program Performance Measures for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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161	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>What were the 2022/23 Program Performance Measures for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 152.

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162	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>For each separately answer how the agency performed in 2022/23 against the defined Outcome Indicators and Program Performance Measures for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 152.

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163	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget, what is each of the</p> <p>(i) recurrent and (ii) capital expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year for each of:</p> <p>(a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?</p>	See 131.

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164	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget, what is each of the</p> <p>(i) recurrent and (ii) capital expenditure for the 2024/25 financial year for each of:</p> <p>(a) The Supreme Court;</p> <p>(b) The Land and Environment Court;</p> <p>(c) The District Court;</p> <p>(d) The Local Court;</p> <p>(e) The Judicial Commission;</p> <p>(f) The Law Reform Commission;</p> <p>(g) The Sentencing Council;</p> <p>(h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner;</p> <p>(i) The Industrial Relations Commission;</p> <p>(j) The Personal Injury Commission;</p> <p>(k) The Solicitor General;</p> <p>(l) The Crown Advocate;</p> <p>(m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;</p> <p>(n) The Office of Public Defenders;</p> <p>(o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor;</p> <p>(p) The Office of Legal Aid;</p> <p>(q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner;</p> <p>(r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW;</p> <p>(s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian;</p> <p>(t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner;</p> <p>(u) The Law and Justice Foundation;</p> <p>(v) The Office of the Sheriff;</p> <p>(w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?</p>	See 131.

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165	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget, what is each of the</p> <p>(i) recurrent and (ii) capital expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year budget for each of:</p> <p>(a) The Supreme Court;</p> <p>(b) The Land and Environment Court;</p> <p>(c) The District Court;</p> <p>(d) The Local Court;</p> <p>(e) The Judicial Commission;</p> <p>(f) The Law Reform Commission;</p> <p>(g) The Sentencing Council;</p> <p>(h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner;</p> <p>(i) The Industrial Relations Commission;</p> <p>(j) The Personal Injury Commission;</p> <p>(k) The Solicitor General;</p> <p>(l) The Crown Advocate;</p> <p>(m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;</p> <p>(n) The Office of Public Defenders;</p> <p>(o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor;</p> <p>(p) The Office of Legal Aid;</p> <p>(q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner;</p> <p>(r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW;</p> <p>(s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian;</p> <p>(t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner;</p> <p>(u) The Law and Justice Foundation;</p> <p>(v) The Office of the Sheriff;</p> <p>(w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?</p>	See 131.

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166	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget, what is each of the</p> <p>(i) recurrent and (ii) capital expenditure for the 2026/27 financial year for each of:</p> <p>(a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?</p>	See 131.

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167	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget, what is each of the (i) recurrent and (ii) capital expenditure is there a projected estimate for any year beyond the 2026/27 financial year and if so what for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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168	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget papers, what was the actual result against budget for each of the (i) recurrent and (ii) capital expenditure in the 2022/23 financial year budget for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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169	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 budget papers, state the items of projected new capital expenditure for any future years (stating the year or years that expenditure will be made for that item) for each of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Supreme Court; (b) The Land and Environment Court; (c) The District Court; (d) The Local Court; (e) The Judicial Commission; (f) The Law Reform Commission; (g) The Sentencing Council; (h) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner; (i) The Industrial Relations Commission; (j) The Personal Injury Commission; (k) The Solicitor General; (l) The Crown Advocate; (m) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; (n) The Office of Public Defenders; (o) The Office of the Crown Solicitor; (p) The Office of Legal Aid; (q) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner; (r) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW; (s) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (t) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (u) The Law and Justice Foundation; (v) The Office of the Sheriff; (w) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General? 	See 131.

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170	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the 2023/24 Budget papers, identify each item of expenditure and state:</p> <p>(a) What was the amount of budgeted expenditure in the 2022/23 Budget for that item;</p> <p>(b) What was the actual amount of expenditure in 2022/23 for that item;</p> <p>(c) Give the percentage of increased expenditure for that item relative to the previous Budget for that item; and state;</p> <p>(d) whether the budgeted expenditure has increased by more or less than the projected inflation rate in 2023/24 relative to the previous budgeted expenditure for that item</p> <p>(e) what is the projected future amount of expenditure included in the Budget for each year in the future beyond forward 2023/24</p> <p>(f) and provide a to e with respect to:</p> <p>(g) The Supreme Court;</p> <p>(h) The Land and Environment Court;</p> <p>(i) The District Court;</p> <p>(j) The Local Court;</p> <p>(k) The Judicial Commission;</p> <p>(l) The Law Reform Commission;</p> <p>(m) The Sentencing Council;</p> <p>(n) The Anti-Slavery Commissioner;</p> <p>(o) The Industrial Relations Commission;</p> <p>(p) The Personal Injury Commission;</p> <p>(q) The Solicitor General;</p> <p>(r) The Crown Advocate;</p> <p>(s) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;</p> <p>(t) The Office of Public Defenders;</p> <p>(u) The Office of the Crown Solicitor;</p> <p>(v) The Office of Legal Aid;</p> <p>(w) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner;</p> <p>(x) The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW;</p>	See 131.

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		<p>(y) The NSW Trustee and Guardian; (z) The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner; (aa) The Law and Justice Foundation; (bb) The Office of the Sheriff; (cc) Any part of the Department of Communities and Justice dealing with the responsibilities of the Attorney-General?</p>	

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171	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice's performance in payment of accounts is detailed in agency annual reports.
172	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice's performance in payment of accounts is detailed in agency annual reports.
173	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice's performance in payment of accounts is detailed in agency annual reports.
174	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has your Ministerial car been subject to any traffic or parking fines?	No.
175	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If so, please provide details of each fine?	See 174.
176	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Who was driving the car at the time of each incident?	See 174.
177	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Who paid any of the fines?	See 174.
178	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?	No.
179	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	If so, who was driving the car?	See 174
180	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has the Minister been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment?	I am advised; Any complaint or disclosure made under the Respectful Workplace Policy is confidential. The Respectful Workplace Policy applies to all Ministerial Offices and staff and is published on the Cabinet Office's Website. As noted in the Goward review, a

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			key aspect of effective workplace complaint policies is confidentiality in the complaint and investigation process. Confidentiality ensures that staff feel safe about raising concerns and confident that action will be taken in response.
181	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Financial Statements, including legal, consulting and any other general costs from third party service providers, are available in agency annual reports.
182	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: (a) to (d): This information is not held centrally within the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). (e): DCJ has a workplace adjustment policy and procedure to manage any change to the physical environment, work hours and tasks or specific equipment that a person with disability or a carer, requires to do their job on an equal basis or, is provided in the recruitment process or for training and development. Most workplace adjustments are managed internally utilising medical information that the employee may already have, but in some instances external assessment is of assistance. Staff are able to request an ergonomic assessment if they are experiencing any symptoms or require a specific adjustment where further information is required beyond the standard adjustment suggestions made to staff. The cost of the assessment depends on virtual vs face to face and if travel is required. There may be additional cost if any equipment is required to assist the individual staff member. DCJ maximises the use of financial assistance for people with a disability from the Commonwealth Employment Assistance Fund.
183	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Financial Statements, including legal, consulting and any other general costs from third party service providers, are available in agency annual reports.

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184	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:</p> <p>(a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?</p> <p>i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.</p> <p>(b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?</p> <p>(c) What was each largest reported purchase for?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?</p> <p>i. What was the cost to replace them?</p> <p>(f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?</p> <p>i. What was the total value of those purchases?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>iii. Were all those amounts repaid?</p> <p>iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>i. What amount was repaid, in full?</p> <p>ii. What amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>(h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Cards are issued to staff according to business need and are managed in accordance with Treasury Policy TPP 21-02 Use and Management of NSW Government Purchasing Cards. The policy is available at https://arp.nsw.gov.au/assets/ars/attachments/TPP21-02-Use-and-Management-of-NSW-Govt-Purchasing-Cards.pdf</p>

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		<p>i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>(i) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>	

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185	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: This information is reported via workforce profile data as detailed in agency annual reports.
186	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/ agency within your portfolio responsibility since 28 March 2023?	See 185.
187	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Staff numbers are included in agency annual reports. Staff numbers employed as internal legal counsel are commensurate with need and go down or up as required.
188	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?	I am advised: All employees under the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 within the Department of Communities and Justice and agencies are paid in accordance with the relevant Acts and Awards.
189	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Since 28 March 2023 to 16 November 2023, the Department of Communities and Justice has processed 10 redundancies. All redundancies are managed in accordance with M2011-11 Changes to the Management of Excess Employees. Redundancy information is included in agency annual reports.

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190	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?	No.
191	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Since 28 March 2023 to 16 November 2023, there have been 12 dismissals across the Department of Communities and Justice. (a) The reason for dismissal is not reportable from the system.
192	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Stationery purchases by the department and other portfolio agencies are made in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures on procurement.
193	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?	I am advised: The number of temporary assignments will vary each fortnight. Temporary assignments are managed under the Government Sector Employment (General) Rules 2014 and the Public Service Commission Assignment to Role Guidelines. Temporary assignments provide development opportunities whilst staff are on periods of leave, or to cover vacancies while recruitment action is undertaken, and for specific limited term projects.
194	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) approach to flexible working has been team based, encouraging flexible work arrangement that meet team, client and individual's needs. This is supported by the DCJ Better Ways of Working Flexible Work Framework which launch in 2021. Consistent with the team based approach, DCJ has not mandated a minimum office attendance requirement. As such there is no count of the days worked from home.

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195	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations.
196	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Nil for this portfolio.
197	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?	I am advised: Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations. Agency travel spent is outlined in the annual report.
198	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations. Agency travel spent is outlined in the annual report.
199	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations. Agency travel spent is outlined in the annual report.

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		(b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?	
200	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	See 131.
201		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.	I am advised: The information is included in the annual report of the Department of Communities and Justice in accordance with sections 125(3) and (5) of the Act.

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		iv. The description provided for the information sought.	
202	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?</p> <p>(b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?</p> <p>(c) If so, what were the reasons provided?</p> <p>(d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?</p> <p>(e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?</p> <p>(f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:</p> <p>i. Date received.</p> <p>ii. Date acknowledged.</p> <p>iii. Date responded.</p> <p>iv. The description provided for the information sought.</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Statistical information about GIPA access applications is published in the Department of Communities and Justice Annual Report.</p> <p>The Department also publishes a disclosure log which can be found here: Disclosure log (nsw.gov.au)</p>

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203	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Catering provided for official purposes may be funded from the Ministerial office budget. As Members of Parliament, the Ministers have credit facilities extended to them for dining and hospitality at Parliament House. The facilities may be used for business or private purposes.
204	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?	All departmental expenditure, including on hospitality, must be made in compliance with the <i>Government Sector Finance Act 2018</i> (GSF Act). The GSF Act sets out provisions for managing public finances and applies to a range of government decision makers, including Ministers, agency heads and government officers.
205	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality? (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?	I am advised: Ministers are required to declare to the Secretary of TCO certain gifts and hospitality under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code.
206	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff.

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207	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Agencies use labour hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies, to cover temporary vacancies, as required.</p>
208	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>How much has your ministerial office spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:</p> <p>(a) Facebook (b) Instagram (c) LinkedIn (d) TikTok (e) YouTube (f) WhatsApp (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)</p>	<p>No money has been spent from the Ministerial office on advertising or sponsored posts on the social media platforms</p>

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209	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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)	I am advised: Where appropriate, social media is used by agencies alongside other forms of advertising as a cost-effective medium of communication.
210	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	No.
211	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: Staff numbers are included in department and agency annual reports each year. Staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go up or down as required. All employees under the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 within the Department of Communities and Justice and agencies are paid in accordance with the relevant Acts and Awards
212	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	See 211.
213	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?	I am advised: The NSW Premier's Department manages the Whole of Government media monitoring contract.

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			The Communications Branch within the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) purchases a separate iSentia subscription that covers all DCJ portfolios. From July 2023 (through to end of December 2023) the cost of the subscription is \$51,660.
214	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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.	I am advised: DCJ does not normally recoup merchant fees from customers. Details on any merchant fee that are recovered are not held centrally for the DCJ portfolio.
215	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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.	See 214.
216	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	See 214.
217	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023? (a) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?	I am advised: Disclosure obligations for Ministers under Part 2 (Standing disclosure of interests), Part 3 (Conflicts of Interest) and Part 4 (Gifts and Hospitality) of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code are continuous. Ministers are required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notify the Premier of a change to their pecuniary and other interests as soon as practicable after the change has occurred • notify the Premier of a change to pecuniary and other interests held by their immediate family members, as soon as practicable after the change has occurred • notify the Premier promptly of conflicts of interest • disclose gifts and hospitality promptly to the TCO Secretary.

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			I make continuous disclosures of the matters that are covered by the Ministerial Code.
218	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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	I am advised: Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website: https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-toinformation/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers
219	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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	See 218.

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220	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS4 grade for the following months:</p> <p>(a) April</p> <p>(b) May</p> <p>(c) June</p> <p>(d) July</p> <p>(e) August</p> <p>(f) September</p> <p>(g) October</p>	See 218.
221	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS3 grade for the following months:</p> <p>(a) April</p> <p>(b) May</p> <p>(c) June</p> <p>(d) July</p> <p>(e) August</p> <p>(f) September</p> <p>(g) October</p>	See 218.
222	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS2 grade for the following months:</p> <p>(a) April</p> <p>(b) May</p>	See 218.

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		(c) June (d) July (e) August (f) September (g) October	
223	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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	See 218.
224	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	See 218.

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225	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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	I am advised: DLOs are not seconded to ministerial offices and remain an employee of their home agency where they abide by their home agency code of conduct and all matters related to terms of employment, leave and arrangements. From April to July, there were five DLOs assigned from DCJ to the Attorney General Ministerial Office.
226	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?	See 218.
227	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?	We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.
228	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?	See 227.
229	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?	See 227.
230	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?	I am advised: All staff are employed to assist the Attorney General in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013. I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website: https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-toinformation/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers

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231	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?	See 230.
232	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: All staff are employed to assist the Attorney General in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 and staff are expected to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct.
233	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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.	I am advised: NSW Government sector employees may be seconded from agencies to Ministers' offices in accordance with clause 35 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014 (GSE Regulation). Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website: https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-toinformation/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers
234	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24? (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?	I am advised that Minister's office budgets are drawn from the Premier's Department annual financial allocation to cover employee related expenses, accommodation, and other operating expenses. Further information relating to Ministers' Office Budgets is available in the Ministers Office Handbook.
235	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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 am advised: Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. Minister's staff may use mobile telephones for business and (reasonable use) private purposes. Under the current mobile plans all local and Australia-wide calls to land lines/mobiles and texts are included in the plan. Premium service calls, international calls and global

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		<p>i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?</p>	<p>roaming services are outside of the plan and may be still chargeable based on the principles below.</p> <p>Ministers' staff mobile phone charges are paid from the Ministers' office budget except for the items listed below, which need to be paid as a private expense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal international calls from within Australia • Personal travel related global roaming charges • Personal premium number service calls <p>Any personal calls which are outside the plan need to be declared and paid for monthly. Declarations are not required otherwise. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.</p> <p>The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.</p>
236	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many iPads or tablets are assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?</p> <p>(a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your ministerial office in 2022-23?</p> <p>(b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?</p> <p>i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.</p> <p>The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.</p>

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237	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	See 236.
238	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023? (a) What is the cost of this?	I am advised: Purchase or lease of artwork for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs of purchasing or leasing artwork for official purposes are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet 2022-2023 Annual Report.
239	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Hire or lease of floral displays or indoor plants is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs of hiring or leasing floral displays or indoor plants are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.
240	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs of stationery are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

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241	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What brand of paper is used in your office? (a) Is it recycled paper? (b) Is it Australian made paper?	I am advised: Office supplies are purchased in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.
242	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: The total cost of all subscriptions is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.
243	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023? (a) What were the gifts purchased? (b) Who were they gifted to?	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook outlines that the decision to present a gift is at the discretion of the Minister, having regard to both appropriateness and economy. Gifts may be appropriate, for example, where given as a memento of an official visit or as a small token of appreciation. However, gifts should not be given with the purpose, or in circumstances where they could be perceived as having the purpose, of inducing favourable treatment. In accordance with the Premier's Department and The Cabinet Office's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, a register of official gifts presented by the Minister will be reported by the Premier's Department at the end of each financial year as required under the provisions of Treasurer's Direction TD21-04 and TD22-27.
244	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle? (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?	I am advised: Non-standard accessories fitted to Ministerial vehicles are for business, security, and safety related reasons, in accordance with the NSW Government Motor Vehicle Operational guidelines.

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245	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>What is the total spend for your office since 28 March 2023 for:</p> <p>(a) Taxi hire?</p> <p>(b) Ridesharing services?</p> <p>(c) Hire car rental?</p> <p>(d) Limousine/private car hire?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Ministers' Office Handbook outlines that taxis or ride share services are an option for business trips, including trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home after evening duty (e.g. when Parliament is sitting, when required to perform the duties of the job, etc.) where public transport is not reasonably available or where it may be unsafe to use public transport. Generally, use of taxis for these purposes would occur after 8:00pm. • To or from the airport in connection with early morning or late-night flights on official trips. • To meetings when it would be unsafe or uneconomical to use public transport. <p>Costs are managed within Ministerial office budgets.</p>
246	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	<p>Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(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?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>All domestic and international travel bookings for official business must be made through the NSW Government's approved travel management supplier, this is currently FCM Travel Solutions. Travel covered by the NSW Government contract includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commercial and charter air travel, • accommodation, • ground transport (car hire, rail, coach, and ferry). Financial commitments for travel expenditure from the Ministers' office budget need to be made within office arrangements approved by the Chief of Staff as an authorised financial delegate. <p>Where a Minister, or employee of the Minister's office undertakes travel, travel is taken in accordance with the NSW government travel policy and the Ministers' Office Handbook. The Premier's Department website also details PD_A5842315, "Domestic and international travel of NSW Ministers and their offices" that has been released under the <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i>.</p>

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253	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?	I regularly meet or speak with my Parliamentary Secretary.
254	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I am advised: That all Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules as Ministers when travelling on official business as a Parliamentary Secretary. Further information is available in the NSW Minister's Office Handbook.
255	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	See 254.

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256	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	Members of Parliament have a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.
257	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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.	The Department of Communities and Justice has internal mechanisms in place to ensure that probity considerations are routinely considered in procurement decisions in like with the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework. Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), agencies are required to register government contracts valued at \$150,000 (including GST) or more on the NSW Government eTendering website. Departments are required to include in their annual reports information in relation to consultants engaged by or on behalf of the agency.
258	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	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?	I refer to my response to LC Question on Notice no. 111
259	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Have you received any training since becoming a Minister? (a) If yes, please provide the details of what the training was.	I am advised: All Cabinet Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers will undertake Respectful Workplace Policy Training that will commence in December. Members of Parliament have a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.
260	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	Have you received any speech, vocal or performance training? (a) If so, what was the cost?	Members of Parliament have a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.

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		(b) Was this cost covered by the taxpayer?	
261	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	261. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: All acceptable use of network services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical. The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.
262	Hon. Chris Rath MLC	What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	See 261.