

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Supplementary questions

Treasurer

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

Icare /Treasury managed fund	
Question	(1) Are transfers into the Treasury Managed Fund a bailout?
Answer	Transfers into the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF) are determined in accordance with the Net Asset Holding Level Policy.
Question	(2) Why does the Half Yearly Review show no plan to get the Treasury Managed Fund's ratio over the 105% level set by the Net Asset Level Holding Policy?
Answer	Please refer to Box 3.2 in the 2023-24 HYR.
ICAC	
Question	(3) Has the government done any work to deliver on its promise to independently fund ICAC by 2023? (a) When will ICAC be independently funded?
Answer	The Special Minister of State is the Minister responsible for the integrity agencies, including the ICAC.
Grants	
Question	(4) Did you authorise the payment of \$50,000 to the Calga Walkabout Sanctuary from the NSW Generations Fund Community Services and Facilities Fund? (a) Did you delegate the power to authorise this payment to the Premier or another Minister?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Special Minister of State.
Question	(5) What role is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer playing in verifying that nominated projects under the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program are eligible as election commitments? (a) Have you ever discussed this program with your parliamentary secretary?
Answer	The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Ministers' Officer Handbook, available on the Premier's Department website.
Question	(6) Has the Parliamentary Secretary confirmed that any of the nominated projects listed for Castle Hill or Kellyville on the master

	spreadsheet dated 28 July 2023 and provided to the Legislative Council in response to an order for papers are, in fact, election commitments?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Special Minister of State.
Question	(7) Are you confident that sufficiently robust processes are in place to verify that funds are only expended on eligible projects under LSCA guidelines? (a) Are projects added to the LSCA funding list that did not exist prior to the election a clear breach of funding guidelines?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Special Minister of State.
Question	(8) How are you managing conflicts that arise with your staffer, Canada Bay Councillor and former Labor candidate for Drummoyne, Julia Little?
Answer	I expect staff to manage conflicts of interest in accordance with the conditions of their employment, including applicable policies and requirements of their role.
Services	
Question	(9) Given the Half Yearly Review warns that employee expenses may need to be revised upward from 46.1% of all expenditure in 2026-2027, what further services and supports will be cut over the next four years to pay for this?
Answer	I do not accept the premise of your question.
Housing and Productivity Contribution	
Question	(10) From the introduction of the HPC on 1 October 2023, how much has been collected by the HPC, in total to date?
Answer	This information will be provided in the HAP Fund report that will be tabled within four months of the end of the financial year.
Question	(11) On the introduction and passage of the Housing and Productivity Contribution Bill, Minister Scully outlined that the Housing and Productivity Contribution (HPC) “would secure \$1 billion over the forward estimates, and up to \$700 million per year beyond that.” In the Budget it was then revised by half a billion dollars to \$1.5 billion – to state that \$1.5 billion would be made available by the HPC. (a) Why did this revision occur? (b) The Planning Minister says that within the \$1.5 billion, whatever the HPC does not raise, will be covered by consolidated revenue. How much do you forecast that consolidated revenue will make of the \$1.5 billion? (c) What is the forecasting and funding breakdown of the HPC projected to be in each year over the forward estimates?
Answer	There have been no revisions to the budgeted expenditure from the Housing and Productivity Fund. Any public comments about forecast revenue over the forward estimates period prior to the end of 2022-23 related to the four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26. The 2023-24 Budget and Forward Estimates (BFE) includes the Housing and Productivity Contributions revenue forecast.

Question	(12) The 10 year, \$1 billion fund for Local Government as part of the HPC is going to be administered by Treasury. (a) What is the framework for this to take place? (b) When will the first funds be distributed to councils? (c) What is the process for councils to apply for funding? (d) Will there be an even \$100 million per year over the next 10 years, or will there be varying amounts each year – if so, how will this look?
Answer	Section 7.31D(a) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> provides that payments out of the Housing and Productivity Fund may be made for the provision of regional infrastructure. This includes infrastructure delivered by local councils. Under section 7.31D (2) of the Act, to be eligible for funding, an infrastructure project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identified in a regional or district plan prepared under the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> • identified in the State Infrastructure Strategy or an infrastructure plan prepared pursuant to the <i>Infrastructure NSW Act 2011</i> or • recommended by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces because it promotes the purpose of the HAP Fund to support housing and economic activity. Funding from the Housing and Productivity Contribution to support the delivery of regional infrastructure by councils will be provided over the next 10 years in accordance with these and other relevant provisions in the Act.
Question	(13) The Government has committed \$520 million in funding for the TOD Accelerated sites, how much of this funding will come from the HPC?
Answer	This expenditure will be supported by the Housing and Productivity Contribution.
Question	(14) How much has been collected by the HPC from the introduction on 1 October 2023 to date, in the following areas? (a) Greater Sydney, collected from the following land uses: i. Houses ii. “All other residential accommodation” iii. Industrial iv. Commercial v. Retail (b) Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Central Coast and Lower Hunter, collected from the following land uses: i. Houses ii. “All other residential accommodation” iii. Industrial iv. Commercial v. Retail
Answer	See response to question 10.
Question	(15) What is the yearly amount of housing and productivity contributions that the Government is budgeting to receive over the forward estimates? (a) 2023/24

	(b) 2024/25 (c) 2025/26 (d) 2026/27
Answer	See response to question 11.
Question	(16) What is the projected yearly expenditure from the Housing and Productivity Contribution over the forward estimates? (a) 2023/24 (b) 2024/25 (c) 2025/26 (d) 2026/27
Answer	See response to question 11.
Social and Affordable housing	
Question	(17) Have you canvassed any taxes on new developments to fund the construction of social and affordable housing?
Answer	The question is lacking in sufficient specificity to provide an appropriate answer.
Question	(18) Will you rule out any new contribution schemes to fund social and affordable housing?
Answer	The question is lacking in sufficient specificity to provide an appropriate answer.
Question	(19) Can you rule out a tax on private developments to fund the construction of social and affordable housing?
Answer	The question is lacking in sufficient specificity to provide an appropriate answer.
Question	(20) Can you rule out a tax of any sort to fund the construction of social and affordable housing?
Answer	The question is lacking in sufficient specificity to provide an appropriate answer.
Short-term rental accommodation (STRA)	
Question	(21) Has the Government or Treasury canvassed what rate to set a potential STRA tax at?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.
Question	(22) Will the Government rule out a STRA tax impacting the entire state?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.

Question	(23) Would the Government consider a STRA tax, but only in certain postcodes or LGAs?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.
Question	(24) Has the Government or Treasury considered a Tourist Tax in Sydney and other holiday areas, similar to measures adopted in other cities such as Paris?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.
Question	(25) What have the findings been of modelling of STRA taxes by Treasury from other cities and jurisdictions around the world, including Victoria? (a) Please share this modelling with Parliamentary Committee? (b) If NSW were to adopt the exact Victorian policy announced last year in regard to a 7.5% STRA levy: i. Has Treasury conducted this modelling? ii. If so, please share how much money would be raised? (c) Have you discussed specifically STRA levies and taxes with your Labor mate, the Victorian Treasurer?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.
Question	(26) Has the government or Treasury conducted any economic analysis regarding the impact of STRA on the NSW economy?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.
Question	(27) Has the government or Treasury conducted any comparative analysis of STRA regulations in other jurisdictions, both nationally and internationally? What insights or best practices have been identified from and how are they being incorporated into the development of STRA policy in NSW?
Answer	The Government has commenced a review of the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation which is ongoing.
Temporary Nurses	
Question	(28) The 2023-24 Budget includes provision of \$572.3 million for “converting 1,112 full-time equivalent nurses and midwives, positions which were funded temporarily to June 2024, to permanent” positions. (29) What is the estimated average annual salary for these 1,112 full time equivalent positions?

	(30) What are the additional employee related costs per full time equivalent position? (31) How many years does the \$572.3 million cover the employment of these 1,112 full time equivalent positions? (a) What other costs, if any, are covered by the \$572.3 million?
Answer	The cost of making the 1,112 nurses and midwives permanent is \$572 million over the three years to 2026-27. This cost includes salaries, superannuation, rotating roster penalties (i.e. weekend and night shift penalties), administration and other on costs for NSW Health. Further questions should be directed to the Minister for Health.
Penrith Funding	
Question	(32) Will the allocated \$65 million commitment for the transformation of Fernhill Estate into a public park be honoured? (a) If not, why?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
Question	(33) Will the allocated \$15 million commitment to progress the development of the Penrith Lakes precinct as a key tourism, recreation and sporting destination be honoured? (a) If not, why?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
Question	(34) Will Nepean Hospital will be receiving a new purpose-built palliative care facility, as previously announced?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Health.
Question	(35) Given the Federal Labor Government has cancelled their funding allocated to Mulgoa Road Stage 2, will the NSW Government be abandoning the project? (a) If not, from where will funds be located to ensure road widening between Glenmore Parkway and Andrews Rd is completed?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads.
Question	(36) Why does the NSW budget allocation for Penrith Stadium not account for inflation?
Answer	The NSW Labor Government committed \$309 million at the 2023 election to deliver Penrith Stadium. The NSW Labor Government is delivering on its election commitments.
Question	(37) Has Ms Karen McKeown MP written to you asking you to reinstate funding for any of the following: palliative care at Nepean Hospital, Mulgoa Road Stage 2, Penrith Stadium, the Fernhill Estate or Penrith Lakes?
Answer	Government members are strong advocates for their local communities, and I receive many requests for funding.
Question	(38) Many of the cuts announced over the past year were not supplied to the electorate prior to the election. Were the people of

	Penrith consulted on the budget cuts which affect their community?
Answer	The Government will continue to deliver Budgets that are responsible and deliver the best outcomes for the people of NSW.

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd

Flood recovery funding	
Question	(39) Will you commit \$1.5 billion dollars in funding to the Resilient Homes Program?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Emergency Services (who are jointly responsible for the NSWRA).
Question	(40) Has any Minister or representative of the NSW Government requested funding from the Federal Government towards the Resilient Homes Program? (a) If so, how much was requested? (b) If so, when was the request made?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Emergency Services (who are jointly responsible for the NSWRA).
Question	(41) Justine Elliot, the federal MP for Richmond, publicly stated that “I’m advised that the federal government hasn’t received a formal request from the NSW state government. We stand ready to assist and work with them”. Is it true that no formal request was made by the NSW Government? (a) If so, why has no request been made?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Emergency Services (who are jointly responsible for the NSWRA).
Question	(42) When can we expect the full \$1.5 billion funding for the Resilient Homes Program to be delivered? (a) When will the decision to fully fund this program be made? (b) What other support are people to avail themselves of while waiting for this support to be delivered? (c) If the Federal Government refuses to commit sufficient additional money, will you commit to fully fund the Resilient Homes Program with State funds?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Emergency Services

	(who are jointly responsible for the NSWRA).
Domestic violence expenditure	
Question	(43) Will you commit to clearly stated Budget line items in the 2024-25 Budget Papers to ensure spending on domestic and family violence prevention and response in NSW can be tracked?
Answer	The financial aggregates in the Budget are prepared each year in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Uniform Presentation Framework (UPF) administered by the Council on Federal Financial Relations • Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1049 Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting, which adopts a harmonised Government Finance Statistics (GFS)/Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) reporting basis.
Question	(44) Eligibility criteria for the Shared Equity Scheme was broadened to allow victim survivors of domestic and family violence who didn't meet the existing criteria to apply; this change commenced from January 2024. Given that the pilot will end on 30th June, does this give sufficient time to evaluate the impact and benefits of the scheme for victim survivors? <p>(a) Will the Government continue the program beyond the pilot period?</p> <p>(b) Will the NSW Government provide specific allocation for older women on low incomes in the shared equity housing scheme?</p> <p>i. If not, why not?</p>
Answer	Victim survivors of domestic and family violence who didn't meet the existing criteria to apply became eligible on 1 December 2023. Treasury is undertaking a review of the Shared Equity Scheme trial.
Tcorp Investments	
Question	(45) Does TCorp, across any of its funds under management, hold any investments in the following companies? If yes, please provide details of the value of the holdings, and details of which investment vehicle it is held by: <p>(a) Shell</p> <p>(b) Woodside</p> <p>(c) BHP</p> <p>(d) Rio Tinto</p>

(e) Santos
(f) Chevron
(g) Anglo American
(h) Glencore
(i) Inpex
(j) ConocoPhillips
(k) South32
(l) Esso Australia
(m) Centennial Coal
(n) Lockheed Martin
(o) Boeing
(p) General Dynamics
(q) Elbit Systems
(r) RTX Corp
(s) Northrop Grumman
(t) Aviation Industry Corporation of China
(u) China North Industries Group
(v) L3Harris Technologies
(w) China South Industries Group
(x) Airbus
(y) Thales
(z) Johnson & Johnson
(aa) Sinopharm

(bb) Roche
(cc) Merck & Co
(dd) Pfizer
(ee) AbbVie
(ff) Bayer
(gg) Sanofi
(hh) AstraZeneca
(ii) GlaxoSmithKline
(jj) Caesarstone
(kk) Qantas
(ll) Wesfarmers
(mm) Coles Group
(nn) News Corp
(oo) Hewlett Packard
(pp) Air BnB
(qq) Commonwealth Bank
(rr) ANZ
(ss) Macquarie Bank
(tt) Crown Resorts Ltd
(uu) Star Entertainment Group
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(vv) TabCorp
(ww) Sportsbet

	<p>(xx) Ladbrokes</p> <p>(yy) Starbucks jane cheun</p> <p>(zz) Disney</p> <p>(aaa) Puma</p> <p>(bbb) Soda Stream</p> <p>(ccc) AXA</p>
Answer	TCorp must not invest in a company that appears on an official sanction list.
Question	<p>(46) Across TCorp's funds under management, what is TCorp's exposure to the following industries:</p> <p>(a) Defence/Military/Aeronautical</p> <p>(b) Pharmaceutical</p> <p>(c) Coal</p> <p>(d) Oil</p> <p>(e) Gas</p> <p>(f) Automotive</p> <p>(g) Gambling</p>
Answer	TCorp's exposure to the list of industries is around 5.5% on average.
Question	<p>(47) Does TCorp have investments or exposure to any of the companies listed in the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner database of all business enterprises involved in the activities detailed in paragraph 96 of the report of the independent international factfinding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian</p>

	people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem?
Answer	TCorp must not invest in a company that appears on an official sanction list.
Question	(48) What is the value of tax breaks, incentives and loans provided to defence companies in NSW?
Answer	This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Industry and Trade.
Procurement	
Question	<p>(49) How much money has Treasury and its agencies spent on products purchased from Hewlett Packard (inclusive of HP Enterprise businesses, HP end-user businesses, and any other businesses representing the Hewlett Packard brand) (HP):</p> <p>(a) Please provide this information for each financial year since 2018/19 including 2023/24 to 31 December 2023, divided by agency, and include a short description of the kinds of products purchased for each agency each year, including whether any money has been spent since 7 October 2023.</p> <p>(50) What policies and procedures does the Department and its agencies use to ensure that procurement is ethical and meets community standards?</p> <p>(51) If the Department or any of its agencies procure products from Hewlett Packard (meaning any business representing the Hewlett Packard brand), what probity checks have been done to investigate whether HP is involved in the 'plausible genocide' taking place in Gaza?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Department of Customer Service (DCS) undertook an open-market procurement process in accordance with NSW Government procurement manual in establishing the All-of-Government panel for End User Devices and Services. The due diligence checks include compliance to applicable NSW Government policies such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supplier Code of Conduct - https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/supplier-code-of-conduct - NSW Government Procurement Policy, https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/procurement-policy-framework - NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy - https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy - NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy- https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/aboriginal-procurement-policy and - Applicable legislation and standards such as NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017, NSW Workplace Injury Management

	and Workers Compensation Act 1998, and Modern Slavery Act 2018 NSW.
Question	(52) How many contractors currently work within the Treasury?
Answer	I am advised: Contractor costs form part of the audited financial statements within the Department's Annual Report.
Question	(53) How many contractors have been on contracts longer than: (a) 3 months (b) 6 months (c) 12 months (d) 18 months (e) 24 months (f) 36 months
Answer	I am advised: Contractor costs form part of the audited financial statements within the Department's Annual Report.
Question	(54) What is the longest period of continuous employment for a contractor employed by the Department or its agencies?
Answer	I am advised: Contractor costs form part of the audited financial statements within the Department's Annual Report.