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ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT

Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

Northconnex Tunnel

1. The compensation that will be paid to Transurban if trucks fail to use Northconnex tunnel will be equal to the toll. How is the toll amount calculated? Is this a set amount per truck?
 - (a) Is there a cap to the compensation that will be paid to Transurban if trucks fail to use Northconnex tunnel?
2. Is the Government considering or planning any other incentives or penalties to push trucks onto the Northconnex tunnel?
3. What is the rationale behind extending the concession term on the M7 to pay for building the Northconnex tunnel?
4. M7 users who will have paid for tolls for M7 by 2037 will now have to pay those tolls for 11 more years for a tunnel they may never use. How does this fit in with the user-pays principle the Government claims it uses for toll roads?
5. What other models were considered to finance the Northconnex tunnel?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Freight on rail

6. Out of total freight movement in NSW, what is the current percentage of freight being moved on rail?
7. Is the Government on track to achieve its stated target of achieving 28% of freight on rail by 2020?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - i. Does the Government have a new target?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given in the hearing.

Toll saturation and affordability

8. In the recent tolling inquiry here, we had experts warn about motorists in Sydney reaching “toll saturation” where no matter what the time savings, people are unwilling to pay the toll. Has RMS conducted any research into the affordability of the toll that is payable by motorists in NSW?
- (a) If so, please provide the report and its findings.
 - (b) If not, how does RMS factor toll affordability into its planning?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Tolls allow motorway corridors to be built faster, as the investment is initially absorbed by the private sector and recouped through tolls over time. This directly benefits drivers by delivering new infrastructure and journey time savings sooner. Reducing the upfront contribution by the taxpayer also enables Government to deliver more infrastructure across the state.

Cleveland Street exit to Eastern Distributor

9. The exit to Cleveland Street from the Eastern Distributor is now closed 24/7, why is that the case?
- (a) Is there a plan to open this exit?
 - i. If so, when?
 - ii. If not, why not?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the Roads and Maritime Services Media Release, 3 July 2017.

Cycling

10. In the proposal for Albion Park Rail bypass in the Illawarra, why was the route for a shared bicycle path along the redundant portion of the Illawarra Highway, as proposed in the EIS, changed?
11. What is the length of RMS’ proposed alternative for the shared bicycle path when compared to the original shared path featured in the EIS?
12. How many road crossings and driveways does this proposed alternative route include?
13. Has RMS conducted a comparative safety analysis of the shared path originally featured in the EIS and the new proposed alternative?

- (a) If yes, what were the results?
 - (b) If not, why not?
14. How many metres of new cycle ways does the Government plan to install during the 2017-18 financial year? How many in Sydney and how many in the rest of NSW?
15. The number of cyclists in NSW has been dropping. What is the Government's plan to bring the numbers up?
16. Does the Government have an aim to achieve a certain mode share percentage for cycling?
- (a) If so, what is the percent aim and when is the Government expected to achieve this number?
 - (b) If not, why not?
17. What is the planned breakdown by project of the \$62 million set aside for Cycling Infrastructure over the 2017-18 State Budget?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- 10-13. Information on the Albion Park Rail Bypass is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- 14-17. This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Croydon Road pedestrian crossing

18. Does RMS plan to add any pedestrian crossings to Croydon road from Parramatta Road to Elizabeth St?
- (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
19. Croydon Road is a 50k Zone with 15km Speed Bumps. There are no pedestrian crossings or refuges on the road from Parramatta Road to Elizabeth St. What is RMS doing to address pedestrian safety on Croydon road?
- (a) Does RMS plan to add any pedestrian crossings to this section of Croydon road?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Croydon Road is a Local Road under the control of Inner West Council. Queries about safety improvements on this road are a matter for Council.

Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrade

20. When will upgrades to roads around the new Northern Beaches Hospital be completed?
- (a) RMS website says the work is “proposed to be completed in 2018”. Is RMS on track to finish this work in 2018?
 - (b) What is the date of completion?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information about the Northern Beaches Hospital Road upgrade project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Ellerton Road extension

21. Is it correct that the council has signed an MOU with RMS on July 31 regarding the Ellerton Road Extension at Queanbeyan?
- (a) When is RMS expected to sub-contract construction of this project?
 - (b) If the new council wanted to abandon the project, are there provisions in the MOU for that? Would compensation to RMS be payable?
 - (c) Would you be able to table a copy of the MOU?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information about the Ellerton Drive extension is publicly available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Moorebank Intermodal

22. Are programs underway to deal with the existing background traffic on the 2.7km stretch of the M5 and its three intersecting State Roads near the Moorebank Intermodal?
- (a) What are the budgetary implications?
 - i. Has private ownership of the M5 had any impact on the RMS or your Offices’ plans to deal with this background traffic?
23. Can RMS advise of any programs and budget allocations to deal with the 4,800 to 13,800 daily operational vehicles from the proposed Intermodals 2017 to 2030?

- (a) Noting that these figures do not appear to include induced warehouse traffic, secondary outbound distribution traffic or tertiary local / commuter traffic taking any and all ‘rat runs’ available.
24. Is RMS planning to implement recommendations from the Independent Traffic Review of Moorebank Intermodal, produced by Aurecon in October 2015 for the Department of Planning and Environment?
- (a) The review advised that the background traffic and projected terminal traffic would significantly compromise one of the key “benefits” of the project. – that it is close to motorways [M5, M7, Hume Hwy.
- (b) The executive summary made a number of observations and recommendations:
- i. *“MIC [Moorebank Intermodal Company] agreed to work with the State Government transport agencies – the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) – in developing a mesoscopic and microsimulation transport model for the combined MIC/SIMTA Intermodal Terminal project. The intended scope of this model should be communicated publicly immediately...”*
 - ii. *“... a Transport Modelling Project Control Group (community reference group) be established to provide input during the modelling process, particularly in determining the model extent, confirming key intersections, timeframes, assumptions, reviewing modelling results, developing mitigation measures.”*
 - iii. *“It is considered that this modelling must be completed as a matter of urgency and with maximum transparency, so that the Planning approvals process can progress effectively.”*
 - iv. *“Consider a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) or similar to address contributions by MIC to future upgrades that are likely to be required for all intersections that are appreciably affected by the proposed Moorebank Intermodal Terminal.”*
25. The former Minister, the Hon. Duncan Gay confirmed in his answer to question on notice 127 of budget estimates, as at September of 2016, that:
- (a) “The NSW Government has committed \$3.4 million to progress studies into road infrastructure options to manage traffic impacts from the proposed Moorebank Intermodal Terminal and forecast growth in the broader Liverpool & Moorebank area.
- i. What is the progress of the studies?
 - I. Are they on budget?
 - II. Are they complete?

- III. If yes, then when will they be publically released?
 - IV. If not, when will they be complete and publically released?
- ii. Does the above mentioned answer relate to the transport model that was recommended in October 2015 and that is being conducted by the RMS?
 - iii. Why did it take a year to initiate said study?
 - iv. Why was the recommended community reference group not initiated at any point?
 - v. Why; if Moorebank Intermodal was or is an active part of NSW Freight Strategy, that this requisite study was not undertaken 5 years ago and updated prior or in concurrency with each stage of application?
 - vi. Why is this pre-requisite study being undertaken after Conditional Conceptual Approval and or Conditional Development Consent?
26. The MIC Annual Report of 2016 lists three major road projects that are required for the terminal's successful operation: Cambridge Avenue Extension, A solution to the M5 'weave' and Hume Highway Upgrade.
 - (a) Is RMS studying these three projects? Is this happening in collaboration with TfNSW?
 - (b) What costings, projections and or budgets have been allocated to these projects?
 27. Please cite and provide any document or memorandum that specifically identifies the proposed Moorebank Intermodals as an active policy or planning objective for the NSW Government?
 28. Please update or identify actions undertaken by RMS with regard to acquaintance with current NSW Freight Policy and the impacts of the proposed Moorebank Intermodal facilities on the States Road Network
 29. The 8160 daily container trucks and 5724 daily light vehicles, projected by the Proponents of the Intermodals, will be merging into or crossing the M5 Motorway at the Georges River Bridge between Moorebank Ave and the Hume Hwy. A portion of the M5 "is expected to exceed capacity as early as 2016" as indicated by the NSW Freight and Port Strategy of November 2013. How is RMS planning to deal with this?
 30. "*Not exceeding the capacity of the transport network*" was and is a strict pre-condition of any intermodal facility at Moorebank.

(a) Ian Hunt CEO of the federal GBE, Moorebank Intermodal Company; has been signposting for many years that State and Federal Governments will be picking the tab for road upgrades. Is that true?

31. Has Roads, Maritime and Freight undertaken any proactive studies into current and future freight strategies that unlock Port of Newcastle, Port Kembla, the Maldron Dombarton line, and a link to connect all to Eastern Creek and later the inland rail line, so as to create a truly open, efficient and economically beneficial three Port Strategy, to deliver regional growth and solve Sydney's congestion? Please provide the study and its conclusions.

(a) If not why not?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

22-26. Roads and Maritime Services has completed modelling and continues to work with Moorebank Intermodal proponents to assess how to mitigate the impacts of the Intermodal Terminal and cater for wider growth in the Liverpool and Moorebank area. This information will help inform a Strategic Business Case which will be subject to an assurance review.

27. Information is available in the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy 2013.

28. The NSW Government is working with the Federal Government and the private sector to facilitate development of the Moorebank intermodal. This is to support growth in container freight volumes and reduce the growth rate in truck movements to and from the port precinct.

29 - 30. Roads and Maritime is negotiating with Moorebank Intermodal proponents in relation to how to mitigate the impacts of the Intermodal Terminal and cater for wider growth in the Liverpool and Moorebank area.

31. Transport for NSW is developing a NSW Freight and Ports Plan that will reinforce the importance of freight and ports to the national economy and position NSW towards emerging national and international markets and opportunities. The Plan recognises that Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle are managing increasing volumes of imported and exported goods, requiring faster, more efficient road and rail access channels across both Sydney and regional NSW markets.

Use of artificial intelligence

32. What current uses of artificial intelligence does the department undertake?

Note: Please include all uses of AI including uses for resource allocation and administrative support, big data analysis, replacement and assistance of experts and researchers, procedural matters, or summarising diverse data – for reference this might include:

- Chatbots for customer service or advice
- Customer management systems
- Scanning legal documents to find relevant case law
- Categorising and searching documents
- Directing petitions efficiently
- Translation
- Document drafting

33. What planned uses does the department have for artificial intelligence?
34. What policy guidelines, if any, guide the exploration and use of artificial intelligence by the department?
35. What research, if any, has the department undertaken regarding the use of AI in Government services?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As outlined in the Digital Government Strategy, the NSW Government will continue to explore the use of cognitive and machine learning, and related Artificial Intelligence technologies, to simplify processes, eliminate duplication, and improve customer experience.

Funding of projects

36. Does RMS pay any form of interest to the Treasury for money borrowed from the NSW Government's Infrastructure Fund during construction?
- (a) If yes, what is that interest rate?
37. Please provide the budgeted capital expenditure (capex), the financing charges and the total project cost of the WestConnex Project.
38. Please provide the budgeted capital expenditure (capex), the financing charges and the total project cost of the NorthConnex Project.
39. Please provide the budgeted capital expenditure (capex), the financing charges and the total project cost of the F6 Extension Project.
40. Please provide the budgeted capital expenditure (capex), the financing charges and the total project cost of the Northern Beaches Tunnel project.

41. Please provide the budgeted capital expenditure (capex), the financing charges and the total project cost of the Second Harbour Crossing Project.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

36. No.
37. This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.
38. This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.
- 39-41. These projects are in the planning stage. No decisions about the projects or the alignments have been made. The community will be kept updated as the projects progress.

Questions from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)

Property Inspections

42. Have any employees of SMC, or consultants engaged by SMC, ever looked through the garbage bins of households?
43. Have any reports been produced concerning the inspections of garbage bins of households along the route of WestConnex?
44. What action has been taken to avoid any inspections of garbage bins of households along the route of WestConnex?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

These are matters for the Sydney Motorway Corporation.

M4 and Parramatta Road Use

45. On average, how many cars use the M4 widening westbound each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
46. On average, how many cars use the M4 widening westbound each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

47. On average, how many cars use the M4 widening eastbound each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
48. On average, how many cars use the M4 widening eastbound each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
49. On average, how many trucks use the M4 widening westbound each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
50. On average, how many trucks use the M4 widening westbound each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
51. On average, how many trucks use the M4 widening eastbound each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
52. On average, how many trucks use the M4 widening eastbound each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
53. On average, how many cars use the Parramatta Road each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.
54. On average, how many cars use the Parramatta Road each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?
- (a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

M4 toll fairness

55. Is it fair for the people of Western Sydney to pay \$4.56 for the M4 toll?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

M4 toll revenue

56. How much in tolling revenue from the M4 widening toll has been raised so far from the M4 toll?
57. How much tolling revenue from the M4 widening toll was received from 15 August 2017 to 31 August 2017?
58. What is the average tolling revenue received from the M4 widening toll each day?
59. How much will be raised from the sale of the M4 widening toll concession?
60. Will the revenue from the M4 widening toll concession be given in its entirety to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
61. Are there any guaranteed traffic volumes, toll revenue or other variable for WestConnex toll concessions?
 - (a) If so, what are they?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex budgets

62. What was the difference between the \$10 billion budget for WestConnex outline in the 2012 State Infrastructure Strategy and the \$11.5 billion budget mooted in 2013?
63. What was the difference between the \$11.5 billion budget for WestConnex mooted in 2013 and the \$14.9 billion budget in 2014?
64. What was the difference between the \$14.9 billion budget for WestConnex in 2014 and the \$15.4 billion budget in 2015?
65. What was the difference between the \$15.4 billion budget for WestConnex in early 2015 and the \$16.8 billion budget in November 2015?
66. Will WestConnex cost \$17-\$17.8 billion (including the Sydney Gateway)?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex contributions

67. What is the total NSW Government equity contribution to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
68. Has the NSW Government made any other contribution to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
 - (a) If so, what is it?
69. What is the total Commonwealth Government contribution to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
70. What is the total Commonwealth Government loan to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
71. What is the total private sector debt supplied to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
72. Will the toll concessions for all stages of WestConnex as well as the current NSW Government equity injections cover the full cost of WestConnex?
73. Will the NSW Government make any further equity contributions to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex toll concessions

74. Will the tolling concessions on WestConnex raise more than \$12 billion?
75. How much will the tolling concessions on WestConnex raise?
76. Will any of the revenue from the WestConnex tolling concessions go towards any project other than WestConnex, including the Western Harbour Tunnel, Northern Beaches Tunnel or F6?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Sydney Motorway Corporation Sale

77. Will the sale of 51% of the Sydney Motorway Corporation include the toll on the yet unbuilt stage 3 of WestConnex?
78. When will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be sold?
79. How much revenue will be generated from the sale of WestConnex?

80. Will the sale of 51% of the SMC result in any financial return to the NSW Government (in the form of dividends or other payments)?
81. Does the sale of 51% of the SMC include the sale of a tolling concession on the M5 South West Motorway?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

What is WestConnex

82. On Channel 10 News on the 20th of August 2017, the Minister for WestConnex said, “Well anything that is tolled is part of the WestConnex Motorway is part of WestConnex. If it’s not tolled, therefore it’s not part of the WestConnex.” Are all costs associated with the Hill Road on ramp and off ramp included in the budget for WestConnex?
- (a) If not, are the costs managed separately by RMS?
 - (b) If not, where is the funding for the Hill Road On ramp sourced?
 - (c) If not, where is the funding for the Hill Road Off ramp sourced?
 - (d) If not, can you confirm that there will be no toll on the Hill Road on ramp and off ramp?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex Integration Works

83. Is the Hill Road off ramp of the M4 widening part of WestConnex?
84. Is the Hill Road on ramp of the M4 widening part of WestConnex?
85. Are any other on ramps or off ramps that connect to WestConnex, not considered part of WestConnex?
86. What is the total cost of WestConnex integration works?
87. When will all WestConnex integration works be completed?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Future Motorways

88. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be involved in the construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel?
89. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be involved in the construction of the Northern Beaches Tunnel?
90. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be involved in the construction of the F6

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The project is in the planning stage. No decisions about the project or the alignment have been made. The community will be kept updated as the project progresses.

M4 widening

91. Was the M4 widening completed by its baseline completion date?
92. Was the M4 widening completed within its \$497 million budget?
93. Would you consider that the M4 widening was completed on time and on budget?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Sydney Gateway confusion

94. For how long have you been responsible for the WestConnex Sydney Gateway?
95. Is the Sydney Gateway part of WestConnex?
96. Has Sydney Gateway always been part of WestConnex?
97. Has Sydney Gateway ever been part of WestConnex?
98. Page 18 of the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case states “WestConnex consists of three stages split into six sub-projects” and one of these sub-projects is the Sydney Gateway. On what date did WestConnex no longer consist of “three stages split into six sub-projects”?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The \$16.8 billion WestConnex motorway program will deliver better road access across Sydney and better connect important economic parts of Sydney. The WestConnex budget includes an \$800 million

contribution to the road component of Sydney Gateway. The full scope of Sydney Gateway is a separate project that does not come under the WestConnex program.

Sydney Gateway project

99. What is the Estimated Total Cost of the Sydney Gateway?
100. How is the Sydney Gateway funded?
101. What will the toll be on the Sydney Gateway?
102. Will the toll on the Sydney Gateway be sold separately to the remainder of WestConnex tolls?
103. Will the toll on the Sydney Gateway be included in the \$8.60 WestConnex toll cap?
104. Is any money committed to the Sydney Gateway beyond the \$800m from WestConnex?
 - (a) If yes, please list the line items that show this funding.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

WestConnex allocation

105. On what page of the Updated Strategic Business case is it explained that the \$800 million for the Sydney Gateway is an allocation?
106. When did you first make it clear that the \$800 million for the Sydney Gateway is an allocation?
 - (a) Please say where this was made clear (media release, newspaper article, speech, etc)
107. Is there any document that lists the \$800 million for the Sydney Gateway as an allocation that is dated prior to 1 August 2017?
 - (a) If so, where can it be found?
108. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation pay the builders of the Sydney Motorway Corporation \$800 million as an allocation or will this be an additional payment made by NSW Taxpayers?
109. On page 4-11 of the NSW Budget's Infrastructure Statement the "Estimated Total Cost" of the Sydney Gateway is stated as \$800 million. Is this an error or a lie?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Misled Parliamentary Committee - Sydney Gateway

110. On 7 News on 10 August 2017 the Premier said, “Obviously it [The Sydney Gateway] feeds into the project [WestConnex] but it’s not part of it. It never was.” Did Tim Reardon lie to the Budget Estimates hearing in 2016 when he responded ‘yes’ when asked, “Could I confirm that the cost of the Sydney Gateway is included in the \$16.8 billion?”
111. On what date was the Sydney Gateway no longer considered part of WestConnex?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

110. No.
111. I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

WestConnex Business Case and the Sydney Gateway

112. The Updated Strategic Business Case for WestConnex lists the Sydney Gateway as part of stage 2 and the 2017-18 Budget states that the Sydney Gateway, “...cost is included within the \$16.8 billion estimated total cost for the WestConnex project.” Was this an error?
- (a) If so, are there any other mistakes in the WestConnex Business case?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Sydney Gateway cost increase

113. In a 2016 Budget Estimates hearing, the CEO of RMS, Mr Kanofski, was asked whether the budget for the Sydney Gateway was \$800 million and he answered “correct.” When did RMS first estimate the cost of the Sydney Gateway at between \$1 billion and \$1.8 billion?
114. What is the current Estimated Total Cost of the Sydney Gateway?
115. Did RMS make Treasury aware that the Estimates Total Cost of the Sydney Gateway was between \$1 billion and \$1.8 billion?
- (a) If so, when?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Sydney Gateway Toll

116. On 10 August you said, “The Sydney Gateway project does not have the same tolling regime as WestConnex.” Will the toll concession for the Sydney Gateway be granted prior to the 2019 NSW Election?
117. What will be the new toll on the Sydney Gateway?
118. Will the new toll be covered under the WestConnex \$8.60 toll cap?
119. Will the new toll concession on the Sydney Gateway be sold?
120. On what date was the Sydney Gateway Toll first announced and how was it announced?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

WestConnex website

121. On what date was the Sydney Gateway removed from the ‘Projects’ section of the WestConnex website to the ‘Related Projects’ section of the WestConnex website?
122. Who made the request to change the website?
123. Is the Minister aware that the website was changed?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Victoria Road Tunnel

124. Is the Tunnel from the Rozelle Interchange under Victoria Road to near the Iron Cove Bridge part of WestConnex?
- (a) If so, what stage is it considered a part of?
125. What is the cost of the tunnel under Victoria Road?
- (a) When will construction begin on this tunnel?
- (b) When will the tunnel open?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Rozelle Interchange

126. Will there be a separate toll on the Rozelle interchange?

127. Is the Rozelle Interchange part of WestConnex?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

M5 toll concession

128. The toll concession on the M5 is due to expire in December 2026. Are you considering an extension of this toll?

(a) If so, for how long?

(b) Given that the M5 will have paid for itself by 2026, what is the justification for extending the toll?

129. Has the extension of the M5 toll concession been assigned to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

130. Are you selling an extension of the M5 toll concession?

(a) If so, is it being sold as part of the current sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

(b) If so, are there guarantees being made as part of the sale about Cashback?

131. Will there be a toll imposed on the existing M5 East tunnel that is currently free to use?

(a) If so, when will it commence and how much will it be?

132. What is the current completion date of the New M5?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex spoil

133. Has any WestConnex spoil or construction waste been transported to Queensland for disposal?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex Financing – Auditor General

134. Was it always the NSW Government's intention to sell a 51% stake in the Sydney Motorway Corporation or did the industry landscape change?

135. Was there ever a plan to sell each toll concession on WestConnex separately?
136. The NSW Auditor General wrote in the *WestConnex: Assurance to the Government*, “The balance of the funding for the project [WestConnex] will come from private sector debt and equity capital raised against tolls on completed stages of the project, with the recycling of Government capital invested in the individual stages of WestConnex once actual traffic volumes are established.” Is this description of the financing of WestConnex accurate?
- (a) Which Agency provided the information that this statement is based on?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex Financing – previous statements

137. Are you aware that before a budget estimates hearing your predecessor, Duncan Gay said, “We indicated that the business case was to build stage 1, lease it and then use that money to build stage 2 and lease that and then use that money to build stage 3.” Was the former Minister incorrect?
138. Will the 51% of the Sydney Motorway Corporation be sold before the completion of the M4 East?
139. Will the 51% of the Sydney Motorway Corporation be sold before the completion of the New M5?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex Financing – maximising revenue

140. Are you aware that page 256 of the Updated Strategic Business Case states, “*Maintaining full ownership during construction is expected to maximise the return to the State on eventual sale.*” Do you agree that you are no longer maintaining full ownership of WestConnex during construction?
- (a) If so, why has the funding strategy changed?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex Financing – Stage 2 ownership

141. Is the NSW Government maintaining full ownership of WestConnex Stage 2 through to completion?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex Financing

142. On 16 August the AFR reported that the sale of 51% of the SMC would generate approximately \$5-\$6 billion. Is this correct?

143. The same article said that WestConnex will generate \$1.083 billion in annual earnings by 2030, does that sound about right?

144. How much of those \$1.083 billion in earnings will come from the M4 widening?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex compensation claims

145. Is the total amount of WestConnex compensation claims still \$1.05 billion or is it higher?

146. What are the compensation claims for?

147. Your cabinet in confidence Transport Cluster Financial Report states that you expect to settle the claims for between \$180 million and \$340 million. Is this still the case?

148. Have any of the claims been settled?

149. What is the value of claims that have been settled? How much were they settled for?

150. When do you expect to finish the settlement of all WestConnex compensation claims?

151. When did you receive the first of these claims?

152. Do the compensation claims have any effect on the overall WestConnex budget?

(a) If not, what budget within WestConnex meets these claims?

153. What is the value of the contingency budget for WestConnex?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Subsidence caused by tunnels

154. Can you advise how many properties in total will be impacted by subsidence caused by WestConnex tunnel?

(a) How many properties will be affected in:

i. Ashfield?

ii. Haberfield?

iii. Leichhardt?

iv. Lilyfield?

v. Rozelle?

vi. Annandale?

vii. Stanmore?

viii. Newtown?

ix. St Peters?

155. How many of these are homes and how many are commercial properties?

156. Have these home and property owners been told that their properties are expected to be impacted by subsidence? If so, how was this information communicated to property owners?

157. What is the typical sort of property damage associated with subsidence?

158. What is the plan to deal with any instances of property damage caused by subsidence?

159. How much is budgeted for rectification?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex number of Property Acquisitions

160. How many properties have been acquired for WestConnex stage 1 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

161. How many properties have been acquired for WestConnex stage 2 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

162. How many properties have been acquired for WestConnex stage 3 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?
163. How many properties are yet to be acquired for WestConnex stage 1 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?
164. How many properties are yet to be acquired for WestConnex stage 2 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?
165. How many properties are yet to be acquired for WestConnex stage 3 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex value of Property Acquisitions

166. What is the amount that has been spent on property acquisitions (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 1?
167. What is the amount that has been spent on property acquisitions (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 2?
168. What is the amount that has been spent on property acquisitions (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 3?
169. What is the budget for property as yet to be acquired (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 1?
170. What is the budget for property as yet to be acquired (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 2?
171. What is the budget for property as yet to be acquired (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 3?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Road Accidents

172. What is the total number of traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 15 August and 29 August?

173. What is the total number of traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 1 August and 15 August?
174. What is the total number of traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 18 July and 1 August?
175. Please list the date of each traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 1 June 2017 and 5 September 2017?
176. Were any people injured in these crashes?
- (a) If so, how many?
 - (b) If so, how many were hospitalised?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

NSW crash data held by Transport for NSW (Centre for Road Safety) does not have any crashes reported in its system as at 14 September 2017 for the period stated at these locations. WestConnex smoke stacks

WestConnex smoke stacks

177. What are the total number of smoke stacks for WestConnex?
178. Please list the location of each smoke stack for WestConnex?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex to Sydney Airport

179. Will motorists travelling from Penrith to Sydney Airport via WestConnex and the Sydney Gateway pay two tolls?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

WestConnex – Parliamentary Ethics advisors

180. Is the Minister aware of any of his former staff members currently working for a company involved in an unsolicited proposal for the Sydney Gateway?

(a) If so, how many?

181. Is the Minister aware of any former staff members of the former Minister for Roads, Duncan Gay, currently working for a company involved in an unsolicited proposal for the Sydney Gateway?

(a) Is so, how many?

182. Has the Minister sought advice from the Parliamentary ethics advisor in relation to dealing with these former staff members?

183. Is the Minister aware of any advice having been sought by him or others of the Parliamentary ethics advisor in relation to dealing with these former staff members?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

180. None of my former Ministerial staff is currently employed by any organisation who has been involved with an unsolicited proposal for the Sydney Gateway.

181-183. NSW Ministerial staff are employed under the provisions of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.

\$1.1 billion for F6 and Western Harbour Tunnel

184. Are the F6 and Western Harbour Tunnel considered the same project?

(a) If so, is there a single unit developing both?

i. If so, what is that unit called?

185. Of the \$1.1 billion committed from Restart NSW to the Western Harbour Tunnel and the F6, how much is for the F6 and how much is for the Western Harbour Tunnel?

186. Has a business case been completed for the F6?

187. Has a business case been completed for the Western Harbour Tunnel?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

184. No.

185-187. The project is in the planning stage. No decisions about the project or the alignment have been made. The community will be kept updated as the project progresses.

M5 cashback

188. What was the total cost of operating the M5 cashback in 2015-16?

189. Has Treasury provided additional funding for the M5 cashback in:

(a) 2016-17?

(b) 2017-18?

(c) 2018-19?

(d) 2019-20?

190. Is the M5 cashback fully funded over the forward estimates?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

188. Information is available in the Roads and Maritime Services Annual Report.

189-190. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

Community Road Safety Fund

191. What was the value of fine revenue deposited into the Community Road Safety Fund in:

(a) 2015-16?

(b) 2016-17?

192. What was the total committed from the Community Road Safety Fund to deliver the NSW Road Safety Strategy in the :

(a) 2016-17 budget?

(b) 2017-18 budget?

193. The 2016-17 Infrastructure Statement committed \$253 million from the Community Road Safety Fund to deliver the NSW Road Safety Strategy. The 2017-18 Budget committed \$66 million to the same function. Why has the amount committed declined?

(a) If it is because it is funded in other line items, please list them.

(b) Will this decline in expenditure result in worsening road safety outcomes?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The road safety budget for 2017-18 is \$282 million, with fine revenue making up approximately 60 per cent of this budget. In NSW, all monies from speed camera fines goes directly back into road safety

programs via the Community Road Safety Fund. Information on the NSW Speed Camera Program is available on Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety website.

Toll Debts

194. What is the total in debts owed for the use of tolls on the:
- (a) Sydney Harbour Bridge/Tunnel
 - (b) Hills M2 Motorway
 - (c) WestConnex – New M4
 - (d) M5
 - (e) M7
 - (f) Eastern Distributor
 - (g) Cross City Tunnel
 - (h) Lane Cove Tunnel
195. What is the gender breakdown of total debts owed for the use of tolls in NSW?
196. What is the gender breakdown of total debts owed for the use of state owned tolls in NSW?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The majority of motorists on NSW toll roads pay the toll. Outstanding toll notices can be subjected to a number of recovery actions including hardship payment plans, civil debt recovery and escalation to penalty notice through the State Debt Recovery Office. Bad debts are disclosed in the RMS Annual Report available on the RMS website. Due to commercial confidentiality, the management of outstanding toll notices for private motorways is not a matter for RMS.

History of toll roads

197. What was the total cost of the Susa-Babylon Highway?
198. What was the toll on the Susa-Babylon Highway? Please provide in Australian Dollars adjusted for inflation.
199. Was there a toll cap on the Susa-Babylon Highway?
- (a) If so, what was it?
200. Are there any other examples of toll roads prior to 1 AD?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is not a matter for the NSW Government.

International toll roads

201. What is the toll on each of New York's 26 toll roads?
202. What is the toll on each of Irelands 7 toll roads?
203. What city has the highest number of toll roads in the world?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is not a matter for the NSW Government.

Heathcote Road Upgrade

204. Is the Heathcote Road Upgrade at Hammondville going ahead?
205. How much has been allocated in the most recent budget to Heathcote Road Upgrade at Hammondville?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is proceeding with the detailed design of the upgrade. We will continue to inform the community as this project progresses.

Cycling Infrastructure

206. How much of the \$80 million Restart NSW reservation for cycling infrastructure has been spent?
 - (a) Please list the projects and amount spent on each one.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Roads in Regions

207. What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on road projects in RMS Regions:
 - (a) Sydney Inner
 - (b) Sydney North

- (c) Sydney South
- (d) Sydney West
- (e) Northern NSW
- (f) Hunter
- (g) Central Coast
- (h) Illawarra
- (i) South Eastern NSW
- (j) South West NSW
- (k) Western NSW

208. What is the amount of money allocated in the 2017-18 budget on road projects in RMS Regions:

- (a) Sydney Inner
- (b) Sydney North
- (c) Sydney South
- (d) Sydney West
- (e) Northern NSW
- (f) Hunter
- (g) Central Coast
- (h) Illawarra
- (i) South Eastern NSW
- (j) South West NSW
- (k) Western NSW

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information about project allocation is available in the NSW Budget Papers.

F6

209. Are you committed to building the F6?

210. What public transport alternatives did you consider to the F6 motorway?

211. The SMH have reported that the F6 Extension will cost \$18 billion. Is this correct?
212. What is the estimated total cost of the F6?
- (a) If unknown, when will you release the cost?
213. When do you expect construction to begin on the F6?
214. When will the F6 be finished?
215. How many years has planning money been allocated to the F6? Have you completed any studies or reports in that time? *[If yes]* what are they?
216. Will you rule out running the F6 through the Royal National Park?
217. How much will the toll on the F6 be?
218. For how long will it be tolled?
219. Will the \$1.1 billion contribution for the WHT and F6 be enough to build the F6 with tolls?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Associated road costs

220. Given the recent revelation of \$1.8 billion of WestConnex integration works, are there any associated road works for:
- (a) Northern Beaches Tunnel
- (b) Western Harbour Tunnel
- (c) F6
- (d) Western Metro
- (e) Sydney Metro City and Southwest
- (f) CBD and South East Light Rail
- (g) Parramatta Light Rail

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Truck fines on roads around NorthConnex

221. Trucks are fined \$630 for using local roads around NorthConnex. What is the legislation or regulation that governs this fine?
- (a) Who administers the fine?
 - (b) How are you going to make the trucks use the tunnel?
222. Does a scheme banning trucks from local roads exist anywhere else in NSW?
- (a) *[If yes]* Where?
223. Will a similar scheme be used around the Sydney Gateway?
224. Was this scheme part of the NorthConnex contract?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Western Harbour Tunnel

225. Minister, are you committed to building the Western Harbour Tunnel and why?
226. When will construction begin?
227. When will the project finish?
228. How much will the Western Harbour Tunnel cost?
229. Have RMS ever produced an estimated total cost of the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (a) *[If yes]* what is it?
 - (b) *[If no]* Are any of the public servants here able to answer that question?
230. What is the split of the \$1.1 billion between the Western Harbour Tunnel and F6?
231. Has the NSW Government requested any Federal contributions towards the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (a) *[If yes]* How much was requested and did they provide it?
 - (b) *[If no]* Is it possible that a request was made for a federal contribution but that you are not aware of it?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link

232. Are the Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link being considered as the same project?
233. How much will the Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link cost?
234. The SMH reported on the 18th of July 2017 that the Western Harbour Tunnel will cost \$14 billion. Is that correct?
235. Have any Federal contributions for the WHT and NBL been requested and have any funds been provided?
236. Will these projects be funded by a Government contribution and then tolls?
- (a) Are there any other funding methods?
237. Will any Government contribution be needed beyond the \$1.1 billion currently set aside for the WHT and F6?
238. Will they be built by the Sydney Motorway Corporation? Does the SMC have any involvement in the projects?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Northern Beaches Tunnel

239. Are you committed to building the Northern Beaches Tunnel and why?
240. How much will the Northern Beaches Tunnel cost?
241. Media reports have said previous estimates range from \$3 to \$4.5 billion. Is this accurate to the nearest billion?
242. In what month will the final cost and design work be completed?
243. When will construction begin?
244. When will the project finish?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The project is in the planning stage. No decisions about the project or the alignment have been made. The community will be kept updated as the project progresses.

Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link - tolls

245. Have you received any unsolicited proposals for either the Western Harbour Tunnel or Northern Beaches Link?
- (a) If yes- when?
246. Your press release announcing the NBT on 16 March 2017 says that you have been working on this for over two years. Who was the minister when the project was first explored and what work has been done over that two years?
247. What will be the toll cap on the Western Harbour Tunnel?
248. What will be the toll cap on the Northern Beaches Tunnel?
249. How many properties will be acquired for the Western Harbour Tunnel?
250. How many properties will be acquired for the Northern Beaches Tunnel?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The project is in the planning stage. No decisions about the project or the alignment have been made. The community will be kept updated as the project progresses.

SMC Sale

251. Is the Government is considering as part of the SMC sale offering any form of “no compete” clause for public transport investments, such as Sydney Metro West, increased ferry or bus services?
252. Is the Government considering as part of the SMC sales offering any sort of revenue guarantee, underwriting, minimum value, shadow toll or other undertaking that would lessen the risk for the buyer?
253. Will the Government retain any control over any of: the final design, construction, operation, safety, community impact, property acquisitions, transparency of information, integration of the WestConnex Stages 1, 2 or 3 once it has sold 51 per cent to the private sector?
254. Will the Government will be required to transfer any or all of the design, operation, construction and setting of tolls of the Western Harbour Tunnel, Warringah Freeway Interchange, Beaches

Link or F6 connector to SMC to enable integration with the proposed Stage 3 interchange at Rozelle and the Stage 2 interchange at St Peters?

255. Will the Government put its final position to the market for the sale of a minimum 51 per cent of SMC prior to the finalisation of the M4-M5 Link EIS determination?
256. Will the Government retain any minimum level of ownership to protect the interests of the taxpayers and residents of NSW, until such time as the final design is locked in?
257. Will the Government continue with the WestConnex build if it does not raise sufficient equity from a 51 per cent or greater stake in SMC to cover the proportional value of the existing Government funding of WestConnex?
258. Will the Government sell more than 51 per cent of WestConnex stages 1, 2 and 3 in the current process will it fund Sydney Metro West? If not, when will it fund Sydney Metro West, as the Minister has publicly said it the main west line will be at total capacity by 2031 at the latest and it takes a minimum 8 years to plan and build a new metro?
259. Given that the vehicle mix in the Stage 3 EIS is significantly different from that in the WestConnex Business Case, particularly with around one tenth the number of commercial vehicles predicted, has the Business Case been updated to account for this change, given that large commercial vehicles pay three times the car toll?
260. Given that the Government has announced several times its desire to build the Sydney Metro West, and is backing the development of the Western Sydney Airport, what changes to the major demand assumptions in the Business Case have been made, and have these conveyed to the market?
261. What is the total value and value by project of all enabling works required from the budget to support the WestConnex, including the Sydney Gateway; the Alexander to Moore Park Connector; the Iron Cove link; the Western Harbour Tunnel link; the Anzac Bridge and Western Distributor upgrades (as forecast in M4-M5 Link EIS) and all access and egress upgrades for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the WestConnex project?
262. What is the strategic estimated cost of the Rozelle Interchange based on the current EIS reference design, and how much has this increased from the original strategic estimate in 2016?
263. Can the Minister confirm that the Iron Cove link “will not cost a cent extra” as the former Minister for Roads claimed in July 2016?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- 251-252. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.
- 253-254. This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.
- 255-260. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.
261. I refer you to the response given at the hearing.
- 262-263. This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

M12

264. Is the M12 fully funded under the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan?
- (a) What is the NSW Government contribution to the M12?
- (b) What is the Commonwealth contribution to the M12?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The project is in the planning stage. No decisions about the project or the alignment have been made. The community will be kept updated as the project progresses

Mona Vale Road / Northern Beaches Link

265. Given the large amount of road-building being completed across NSW, what mechanisms or measures are your Department planning or installing to reduce the risk posed by heavier vehicles like trucks or buses?
266. What evidence does your Department have that signs, additional lanes, widened road shoulders or even median separation are sufficient to improve the safety of busy arterial roads like Mona Vale East?
267. Where has your Department installed any truck/bus speed cameras, or separate heavy vehicle speed limits in the last year? Are there any plans to impose these kinds of mechanisms to improve road safety against heavier vehicles?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

A number of measures are being implemented which focus on heavy vehicle safety. Road safety upgrades are evidence based. Current speed camera locations are published on our website.

Maldon-Dombarton rail link

268. In relation to page 3 of Infrastructure Australia’s Project Business Case Evaluation published on 9 February 2017, of the eight options outlined for handling freight to and from the Port of Port Kembla, what has been the outcome of the assessment of each of the options mentioned?
269. Has any planning work been commissioned or undertaken to assess all of the options mentioned above?
270. Has the Government had any contact with the Federal Government to progress the Maldon-Dombarton rail link?
271. Has the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast had any discussions with the Minister about published comments reported in the *Illawarra Mercury* on 15 March 2017, in which he said “I’ll sort her out”?
272. On what date were these discussions held?
273. If not, why not?
274. If so, what was the outcome of the discussions?
275. Has the Government received a copy of the Upgrading rail connectivity between Illawarra and Sydney report published on 2 August 2017 by the Illawarra Business Chamber (IBC) and SMART Infrastructure facility?
276. Has the Government given consideration to the report?
277. If not, why not?
278. If so, what was the outcome?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The 2014 business case for the Maldon to Dombarton rail line was inaccurate in its consideration of the costs and benefits of the project.

In addition to the capital investment required to construct the Maldon to Dombarton project, significant additional capital investment in rolling stock, signalling and infrastructure would be required to deliver benefits to passengers travelling on the rail corridor.

Moss Vale to Unanderra Line

279. Has the Government costed an upgrade of the Moss Vale to Unanderra Line?

280. If so, what is the cost?

281. If not, why not?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Unanderra to Moss Vale line is leased to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). ARTC is responsible for management of its network, including any upgrading works.

NSW Ports – Port of Port Kembla

282. How is implementation of the NSW Ports' 30 year Master Plan, *Navigating the Future*, for the Port of Port Kembla progressing?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for NSW Ports.

Intersection of Masters and Springhill Roads

283. How many motor vehicle accidents have taken place at this intersection since the year 2000?

284. What is the total number of fines issued to motorists at this intersection since red light cameras were installed?

285. What is the total amount of revenue raised from the fines issued at this intersection since red light cameras were installed?

286. Is the RMS continuing to monitor the use of this intersection by all motor vehicles?

287. Are there any plans to upgrade the intersection?

288. If so, what are those plans?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

283. In the 17 years from 2000-2016, there were 76 crashes at the intersection of Masters and Springhill Roads, Springhill.

284-285. This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

286-288. Roads and Maritime Services monitors the performance of all State Roads. In addition, CCTV and safety cameras are installed at the corner of Springhill and Masters roads.

Related to Albion Park Rail Bypass

289. Does the Minister acknowledge the Albion Park Rail Bypass project is behind schedule and has experienced delays? If yes, to what does the Minister attribute these delays? If not, is the Minister aware as to why her colleague the Member for Kiama is arguing the opposite?
290. Given the Member for Kiama has previously written to the Minister to promote compulsory acquisition of land owned by Shellharbour City Council, will the Minister also acquire the outstanding properties to enable fast tracking of the Albion Park Rail Bypass?
291. Where are the funds for the construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass coming from?
292. What is the current estimated cost for the completed Albion Park Rail Bypass?
293. What is the cost-to-date of the Albion Park Rail Bypass project and how have these funds been spent?
294. In the current proposal, what on/off ramps will now be excluded from the Albion Park Rail Bypass proposal?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- 289-90. Roads and Maritime Services is working and negotiating with Shellharbour City Council, and the project remains on track.
- 291 - 294. Information on the Albion Park Rail Bypass is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Lawrence Hargrave Drive

295. Has the Minister received any correspondence from Member for Heathcote, Lee Evans, on behalf of local residents along Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Scarborough who are worried about safety concerns?
296. How many accidents have occurred along Lawrence Hargrave Drive near Fifth Street in Scarborough over the last 2 years?
- (a) Of these accidents, how many have caused property damage?
297. Has the Government completed any traffic analysis on Lawrence Hargrave Drive near Fifth Street in Scarborough?

298. Has the Government taken any action to ensure residents living along Lawrence Hargrave Drive near Fifth Street are safe from vehicles which may veer out of control?
299. Has the Government completed any analysis about the need for speed humps or a speed camera along Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Scarborough?
300. Will the Minister meet with local residents living along Lawrence Hargrave Drive near Fifth Street to discuss their concerns?
301. If the Minister is unable to attend, will she ensure that representatives of RMS meet with local residents living along Lawrence Hargrave Drive near Fifth Street to discuss their concerns?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

295. No. However, the former Minister received correspondence from the Member for Heathcote.
296. During the two-year period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016, there was one crash recorded on Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Scarborough.
- 297-298. Roads and Maritime Services has investigated the speed limit at this location and reduced the speed limit to 50km/h in response to community concerns. ‘Slippery when wet’ signs on each approach to the curve and guardrail safety barrier as well as advanced warning signs and curve alignment markers have been installed.
299. Speed humps are not suitable for use on Lawrence Hargrave Drive due to vehicle volumes, undulating terrain and winding alignment. Members of the public may nominate a location where they think a speed camera should be located in NSW via Transport for NSW’s Centre for Road Safety website. Nominations are considered along with crash data and other road safety information to prioritise future locations of speed cameras.
- 300–301. A meeting can be coordinated between relevant parties to discuss road safety at the location.

Pembroke Road, Minto

302. How much has been spent on the maintenance of Pembroke Road, Minto in the 2016/17 financial year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

RMS has spent over \$35m annually in the Electorate of Macquarie Fields over the last 4 years. Specifically on Pembroke Rd, Minto in 2016/17, \$10,000 was spent on road maintenance.

Roads in the Monaro Electorate

303. Across following years, can RMS outline specific roads expenditure in the Monaro electorate?

- (a) 2017-18
- (b) 2018-19
- (c) 2019-20

304. Which roads will be upgraded as part of this spending?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Major road expenditure in 2017-18 for Monaro and its surrounding regions can be found in the Budget Papers, and the State Budget website.

Allocations for 2018-19 and 2019-20 are still being finalised.

Monaro Highway

305. Will the Government deliver any new overtaking lanes planned in the next two years on the Monaro Highway? If so, where will the overtaking lanes be located and what is the total estimated cost of the project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding the Monaro Highway is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Kings Highway

306. Will the Government deliver any new overtaking lanes planned in the next two years on the Kings Highway? If so, where will the overtaking lanes be located and what is the total estimated cost of the project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding the Kings Highway is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Lanyon and Tompsitt Drive intersection

307. What is the start date for upgrades on the Lanyon and Tompsitt Drive intersection?

308. When will the project be finished?

309. Has this project been delayed?

310. What are the traffic management solutions for drivers while the project is being delivered?

311. Why has the project double in cost since announcement?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding the Lanyon and Tompsitt Drive intersection project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Ellerton Drive Extension

312. When does the Minister intend to award the contract for the Ellerton Drive extension?

313. When will the project be completed?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding the Ellerton Drive extension project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Googong Road

314. Is it usual practice for RMS to grant funding for council roads that are subject to a Section 94 development agreement

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding local government relations is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Macs Reef Road

315. Please provide a list of all funding for the Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road since 2015

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Funding for projects across the state is publicly available in the Roads and Maritime Annual Report and the NSW Budget papers.

Appin Road Koala Population

316. What measures has the Government put in place along and around Appin Road to protect Australia's only remaining disease-free koala colony around Campbelltown?

- (a) Do these measures include flexi-fencing and/or fauna overpasses and/or underpasses?
 - i. If not, why not? And does the Government have any plans to install such measures in the future?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Wollondilly Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage are investigating local koala populations and koala movement corridors.

Council representatives met with NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and Roads and Maritime recently to discuss fauna connectivity at road injury hotspots to help koalas and other animals to cross roads. Fauna connectivity options, such as fences in targeted locations to encourage koalas to cross under bridges or through larger culverts, are being considered as part of the environmental impact assessment process for future road upgrades.

Spring Farm Passway

317. Will developer contributions alone be sufficient to fund the construction of both stages of the Spring Farm Parkway?

- (a) If not, how much additional money will be required, and does the NSW Government have any plans to provide these funds?

318. Is the Government considering extending the road further East of the M31 Hume Motorway, to connect through to Appin Road?

- (a) If so, has the Government begun preserving the corridor through Mount Gilead, which has recently been rezoned for residential development?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

317. Information about this project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

318. This is a matter for the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State.

Hillsborough Road

319. In Question Time on 24 May, the Member for Lake Macquarie asked the Minister for Roads when would planned upgrades to Hillsborough Road commence. The Minister replied that she expected there would be an announcement in this year's budget. Yet there was no significant funding allocated in the Roads budget to fix the safety issues and traffic congestion on Hillsborough Road. Why is this?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Funds were allocated in the 2017-18 State Budget for pedestrian safety improvements, including the installation of mid-block pedestrian signals on Hillsborough Road between the Macquarie/Hillsborough Road roundabout and the existing signals to the east. These funds are part of the \$62 million Active Transport – Cycling and Walking Program.

Audley Weir

320. What engineering studies have been done on the deterioration of the road surface of the weir, and on the subsidence?
321. What proposals have been discussed for rectifying this?
322. What are the expected costs of this (based on a report on what date)?
323. What information is there on serious assessments of the feasibility and costs of putting in a bridge over the existing weir while still allowing existing driveway entrances etc on both sides to be unchanged?
324. What height would this give us at the lowest point of bridge approaches?
325. How many days in the last 5 years has the road been closed due to flooding?
326. How often have emergency vehicles had to drive out the long way when a bridge over Audley could have made a difference in the outcome for a patient
327. What surveys and works have been undertaken or planned to alleviate the ongoing (and possibly increasing) damage to the causeway surface?
328. What plans are in place to repair the road for now?
329. What restrictions (if any) are on the depth of water upstream from the weir? This may limit possible engineering solutions.
330. Does the Government have any plans to improve lighting in the area?
331. How many households in the RNP use the spillway on a daily basis?

332. At peak periods for tourism how many tourists require usage of this subsiding gateway road over the weir on average?
333. Historically our RNP is considered a national icon vying for world recognition with Yellowstone in the USA as the world's oldest National park. Does this famous heritage, obligate our government to make sure this gateway weir to a prestigious pristine environment is safe, and in sound condition for the tourism it attracts?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

320–322, & 327–328. Roads and Maritime Services' maintenance provider has assessed the concrete surface and proposed remediation work. The work involves replacement of selected sections of the concrete slabs and treatment to the embankment. The work is due to be carried out in late 2017 at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

323-324. Several studies have been done into upgrading the causeway. A detailed assessment was undertaken with four options being considered. Retaining the existing causeway is the most cost effective.

325. The weir can be closed around five to ten times per year.

326. This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Minister for Emergency Services.

329. The floor level of the boat shed is 2.8 metres and the Audley café is three metres.

330. This is a matter for Sutherland Shire Council.

331–332. Patronage figures for the Royal National Park are a matter for the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Heritage.

333. Roads and Maritime maintains the Royal National Park roads, bridge and weir structures to ensure they are safe and serviceable.

Pacific Highway through Wyong

334. Is the Government still committed to the Pacific Highway through Wyong upgrades?

335. Why did the RMS refuse to release the Project Optimisation Report (Wyong Town Centre) dated 5 May 2017, as part of a Government Information Public Access request from the Member for Wyong?

336. The government released 423 pages of documents as part of this request, but refused to release the final report, what exactly are you trying to hide Minister?

337. Why won't your Government just come clean with the community where they stand on this project rather than refusing to release critical information?
338. What does the Project Optimisation Report (Wyang Town Centre) recommend to Government? The upgrades going ahead or being cancelled?
339. If the report recommends changes to the project scope, what specific changes have been recommended?
340. How much has been spent on Planning for this project since you came to Government in 2011?
341. In the 2017-2018 Budget, \$6 million has been committed to planning works for the project – how will that \$6 million be spent?
342. When will it be spent?
343. When will work actually start on the project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is currently looking at options to upgrade the Pacific Highway through the Wyong Town Centre.

Release of the Project Optimisation Report (Wyang Town Centre) was refused as the document was identified as Cabinet information within the meaning of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the GIPA Act).

Under the GIPA Act, there is a conclusive presumption of an overriding public interest against the disclosure of certain information categories, including cabinet information.

It was also identified that release of the information would potentially be prejudicial both commercially and due to its effect on the agency's deliberative process.

However Roads and Maritime released over 400 pages of documents in response to this application.

Appin Road Upgrade

344. How many accidents have there been in the last 5 years on this stretch of road?
345. How many fatalities have there been along this road in the last 5 years?
346. What funding has the NSW Government committed to improving this stretch of road?
347. How much money has the NSW Government received from the Federal Government for Road Upgrades on Appin Road?

348. Given the safety record of the road, will the NSW Government not matched federal funding?
349. How is the State Government spending the Federal Government's \$4.5 million contribution during this financial year?
350. Does the Government have any plans to eventually upgrade Appin Road into a dual carriageway?
- (a) If so, when does it anticipate such upgrades will occur?
- (b) If not, why not? How many more lives need to be lost before the Government will upgrade Appin Road?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- 344-345. For the period 2012-2016, there have been 148 crashes on Appin Road from the Princes Highway at Bulli Tops to Kellerman Drive roundabout at St Helens Park (approximately 30kms). During this time, there have been seven fatal crashes on the same stretch of Appin Road.
- 346-350. Roads and Maritime Services is developing the strategic design for Appin Road to guide future improvements, and is working closely with the Federal Government. The NSW Government has invested significantly to improve the safety on this road network. Further information regarding Appin Road improvements is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Spoil Management Project – Review of Environmental Factors

351. On what date was the document, *Spoil Management Project – Review of Environmental Factors*, dated August 2017, finalised and uploaded to the website?
352. How many submissions from (a) stakeholders and (b) members of the community were received?
353. On what date did Transport for NSW seek input from (a) stakeholders and (b) members of the community?
354. How many members of the community and from which suburbs was feedback sought from?
355. Which advertising mediums were used to advertise that the REF was seeking stakeholder and community comment?
356. Were local Members of Parliament notified that the REF was open for comment and provided with an opportunity to comment? If not, why not?
357. Please list the names of the organisations from which submissions were received?

358. Please list the names of the individuals from whom submissions were received?
359. Did Transport for NSW consult Wollongong City Council in relation to the project?
360. If not, why not?
361. If so, on what date?
362. What is the process for community consultation for this proposal following the release of *the Spoil Management Project – Review of Environmental Factors*?
363. On what dates did the Project Management Group meet?
364. When does Transport for NSW intend to respond to the feedback provided by each respondent?
365. On what date are the proposed additional truck and train movements proposed to commence?
366. On which date are the proposed additional truck and train movements proposed to cease?
367. Are six extra freight trains needed to transport the spoil proposed by the project?
368. If not, how many extra trains will be required?
369. What are the times these additional trains will use the South Coast Line on a daily basis?
370. When will these additional train paths commence?
371. When will these additional train paths cease to be required?
372. Will these additional train paths impact on existing passenger services on the South Coast Line?
373. What measures are planned to minimise the impact on existing passenger train services?
374. How long will the freight trains be to move the spoil to the proposed Illawarra Modal Transfer Facility?
375. Will the trains be covered?
376. If not, why not?
377. How high will the spoil be once all the material to be transported to the Illawarra Modal Transfer Facility be?
378. How can Transport for NSW be sure that none of the spoil materials is contaminated?
379. What measures will be taken to deal with any contaminated spoil?
380. What specific measures will be in place to suppress dust?

381. What construction projects in the Illawarra will the spoil to be stored at the Illawarra Modal Transfer Facility be used for?
382. How much is BlueScope Steel being paid to store the spoil at the Illawarra Modal Transfer Facility?
383. How many people will be employed as part of this project in the Illawarra?
384. What will be the duration of this employment?
385. What is the process for seeking approval for this project?
386. Has Transport for NSW met all of its requirements of the REF process as outlined by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and associated regulations?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

351. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
352. Submissions received in response to the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) will be considered in a Submissions Report. The report will be prepared by Transport for NSW and the community will be notified as soon as the report is available to view.
- 353-354. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
355. Advertisements were placed in the Illawarra Mercury and Canterbury Bankstown Express.
356. I refer to my answer to supplementary questions 353-354.
- 357-358. I refer to my answer to supplementary question 352.
- 359-361. Yes. Transport for NSW had regular contact with Wollongong City Council throughout the planning and engagement phases from May 2016 to August 2017.
362. I refer to my answer to supplementary questions 353-354.
363. The project team for the Spoil Management Project met nine times between April 2016 and July 2016.
364. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
- 365-366. There will not be any additional truck movements as a result of the proposal.

- 367-368. No. The proposal would provide for the freighting of 9,000 tonnes of spoil a day to be transported via approximately three train movements (3,000 tonnes per train on average).
369. The trains used as part of this proposal would use a dedicated freight path on the South Coast Line.
- 370-371. Detailed operational information will be determined at subsequent planning stages and is subject to stakeholder requirements and licencing arrangements.
- 372-373. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
374. The freight trains will be approximately 800 metres in length, should the maximum 3,000 tonnes be carried in each trip.
- 375-376. Management of dust emissions is a serious consideration and would be further addressed during design development. Design development would consider whether covering the existing open wagons is feasible.
377. The height of the stockpile will be determined by the area within which spoil is stored. Temporary stock piles would also be sprayed down to suppress dust, with a sediment and erosion control system in place to capture and treat any runoff.
378. The spoil being transported is natural material, uncontaminated by industrial or commercial activities. The spoil is classified as Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM). No contaminated material is proposed to be transported as part of the project.
379. Contaminated spoil will be classified at the origin before it is transported to the Sydney Modal Handling Transfer Facility in Chullora. Should the classification not align to the spoil for which the proposal is licenced to move the spoil will be disposed of in accordance with the existing approved M4 WestConnex management plans.
380. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
381. The spoil will be transported to construction sites that require fill within the Illawarra region for beneficial reuse.
382. Financial discussions between the relevant parties are yet to commence and would be a matter for discussion during the detailed development phase of the project.

383-384. The exact number of jobs would be dependent on detailed design and operations management plans. The duration of employment created by this proposal would depend on the length of proposal operation.

385 This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

386. Yes

Nepean River Green Bridge

387. When did Construction begin on the Bridge?

388. How much is the bridge now costing?

389. When will the bridge finally open?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information on the Nepean River Green Bridge is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Dungog Shire Council

390. Are you aware that Dungog Shire Council has no state roads, and that its road backlog has a maintenance shortfall that has gone up by 66.2%

391. Will you commit to turning Main Road 101 into a State Road?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Gold Platting

392. Will you continue to support gold plating Sydney roads while backlogs in regional areas – like the North Coast, Far West and Riverina continue to deteriorate at an increasing rate?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Road Funding

393. Are you aware that road funding west of the divide (excluding coastal highways and the like) is flat lining with less than 10% of the roads budget going to projects west of the divide?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Since 2011 there has been a 105% increase in the roads budget, of which 65% is being spent in regional NSW.

Brisbane Waters

394. Why won't you commit to funding much needed dredging works for Brisbane Waters, despite the local ferry running aground recently. What will it take for you to act?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Forestry.

Northern Road

395. What is the expected completion date of the Northern Road upgrades?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding the Northern Road upgrades is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Mulgoa Road

396. What is the expected completion date of the Mulgoa Road upgrades?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information regarding Mulgoa Road upgrades is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Old Ryde RTA site

397. How many EOI did they receive and from whom?

398. What was the highest bid

399. What price does the government want to achieve?

400. Did the government consider keeping the site for community use?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Surplus land (or residual land) is land that is no longer required by the Government. Surplus land is sold in accordance with Treasury Direction 92/2. Government Property NSW implements and manages the Government's real property asset management strategy, including the sale of surplus land.

Sutherland Railway Bridge

401. Will the Minister commit to a structural revamp of the Sutherland Railway Bridge fit for future population growth and needs of commuters, pedestrians and all transport users?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

F6

402. What is the Minister's preferred route for the F6?

403. What consultation has RMS done with the local community regarding the proposed route of the F6?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Heathcote Road

404. How many fatalities and accidents have occurred on Heathcote road in the last 12 months?

405. When does the Minister believe that an upgrade of Heathcote Road Bridge will occur?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

404. During the period 1 January to 31 December 2016, there were 62 crashes and one fatality recorded as occurring on Heathcote Road between Princes Highway, Heathcote and Newbridge Road, Moorebank.

405. Information about the Heathcote Road upgrade is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study Report

406. Is the Government considering Option Six from the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study report?

- (a) If so:
 - i. Is the Government considering extending this line to connect with the existing line south of Macarthur station?
 - ii. Where will all stations south of the Western Sydney Airport be located?
- (b) If not, what is the Government's justification for not building this essential piece of infrastructure to accompany the Badgerys Creek Airport?

407. Has the government begun preserving land along the Option Six corridor to preserve this link for the construction of the train line?

- (a) If so, does this include land south of the Western Sydney Airport, to allow for a connection to the existing line south of Macarthur station?

408. The 2017-18 Budget saw funding for road upgrades surrounding the Badgerys Creek Airport site, yet there was no mention of funding for proposed train lines around the airport. Will the Minister explain how and when these projects will get up and running?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Mount Ousley Road

409. What funding has been set aside for the Mount Ousley Road Noise Camera, to assist in it becoming functional again in the following state budgets?

- (a) 2016-17
- (b) 2015-16
- (c) 2014-15
- (d) 2013-14

410. What further measures has the Government taken to assist residents of the suburb of Mount Ousley to reduce noise emanating from Mount Ousley Road in the following budgets?

- (a) 2016-17
- (b) 2015-16
- (c) 2014-15
- (d) 2013-14

411. What funding has been committed to the redevelopment of the Mount Ousley Road interchange in the following periods:

- (a) 2016-17
- (b) 2015-16

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information about the Memorial Drive Extension is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Memorial Drive Extension

412. What funding has been committed for the Memorial Drive Extension in the following years

- (a) 2016 – 17
- (b) 2015 - 16

413. What funding has been committed for general repairs and maintenance to Memorial Drive in the following years:

- (a) 2016 – 17
- (b) 2015 - 16

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Information about the Memorial Drive Extension is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Network Enhancements

414. What is the total cost of network enhancements aligned with the WestConnex project?

415. What is the total cost of network enhancements aligned with the NorthConnex project?

416. What is the total cost of network enhancements aligned with the CBS South East Light Rail project?

417. What is the total cost of network enhancements aligned with the Parramatta Light Rail project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Access and Egress Upgrades

418. What is the total value of all access and egress upgrades for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the WestConnex project?
419. What is the project name and value of each access and egress upgrade for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the WestConnex project?
420. What is the total value of all access and egress upgrades for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the NorthConnex project?
421. What is the project name and value of each access and egress upgrade for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the NorthConnex project?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

Environmental Impact Statement

422. Given the EIS for the M4-M5 Link states that there will be future significant local road traffic impacts, for example at the Crescent and Johnstone Street, at Euston Road, to the Anzac Bridge and the Western Distributor:
- (a) Has RMS quantified these impacts?
 - (b) Do you or RMS have any plans to mitigate those impacts?
 - i. If so, what are these plans?
 - (c) Will the Minister commit to withholding the EIS submission until the mitigations are planned to ensure that there is an integrated response to the delivery of the M4-M5 link?
 - (d) Does RMS have a budget allocated to ensure that there is an integrated response to the delivery of the M4-M5 link?
 - i. What is the value of that budget?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Free Alternative to the WestConnex

423. Can you assure motorists that there will be free option for every link that the WestConnex serves?
424. Will you publish a map of free alternatives to every link that the WestConnex serves?
425. Will all classes of trucks be permitted to use every free option?
426. Which class of trucks will not be permitted to use the free option?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport.

Office Administration

427. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
- (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2016-17?
 - (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2017-18 based on current appointments?
428. How many blackberries/iphones/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2016-17?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
429. How many iPads or tablets has DPC assigned to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office in 2016-17?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2016-17?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
430. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
431. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

432. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
433. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in 2016-17?
- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
- i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
434. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
435. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2016-17?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
- i. Who were they gifted to?
436. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
437. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
438. What was the total bill for your office in 2016-17 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine hire
- (c) Private hire care
- (d) Hire car rental
- (e) Ridesharing services
439. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2016-17?
- (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

427. Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website. Refer to:
http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers

428. There were 240 smart phones allocated across the Ministerial Offices in 2016-17. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices (including iPads) was \$269,644, a 53.4% per cent reduction on the 2008-09 expenditure of \$578,691. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.
429. There were 139 iPads in use across the Ministers' IT network in 2016-17. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.
430. Artwork in the Minister's office includes art donated at no cost and artwork on loan from Transport for NSW.
- 431-432. Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within the office's budgets.
433. The Minister's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.
434. Expenditure on stationery in 2016-17 across the Ministry was \$146,596. This includes the cost of printed stationery (business cards and letterheads).
435. Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW.
436. No.
437. Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, other nominated public office holders and certain former office holders are provided with official cars and drivers. During 2016-17 all costs associated with these vehicles were paid from the relevant office's budget.
438. Expenditure on taxis, hire cars and ride share services in 2016-17 across the Ministry was \$82,771, down from \$99,463 last year. This compares with 2009-10 expenditure of \$175,776.
439. Expenditure on charter flights for the Ministry totalled \$6,921 in 2016-17, down from \$28,706 last year. This compares with expenditure in 2009-10 of \$281,567.

Hospitality

440. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?
441. How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- 440. Expenditure on hospitality across the Ministry totalled \$32,021 in 2016-17- which includes catering for stakeholder meetings and courtesy calls with visiting dignitaries.
- 441. Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.

Labour Hire Firms

- 442. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2016-17:
 - (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

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Transport Cluster uses Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with operations authorised to make such arrangements, subject to their overall labour expense cap.

Media and Public Relations

- 443. 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?
- 444. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
- 445. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
- 446. By how much has the number of media or public relations advisers employed for each of your portfolio agencies increased since 2011-12 to the current date?

447. By how much has the expenditure on media or public relations advisers employed for each of your portfolio agencies increased since 2011-12 to the current date?

448. Have you had media training or speech training?

(a) If yes, who paid for it?

(b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid in 2016-17?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

443. Transport Cluster staff numbers are included in agency annual reports.

444. Transport Cluster agency staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required.

445. The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement.

446. A centralised media function was established for the Department of Premier and Cabinet in 2015.

447. A centralised media function was not established for the Department of Premier and Cabinet until 2015.

448. No.

Facebook

449. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?

450. How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

449. No taxpayer money has been spent on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts.

450. Where appropriate social media is used by agencies alongside other forms of advertising as a cost effective medium of communication.

Overseas Trips

451. Were any of your overseas trips in the last financial year paid for in part or in full by using public money?

(a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

452. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?

(a) If so, what was the nature of these trips?

(b) Who paid for these trips?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

Department/Agency Travel

453. What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:

(a) Taxi hire

(b) Limousine/private car hire

(c) Hire car rental

(d) Ridesharing services

454. Do any senior executive service employees in your Departments/agencies have a driver that is paid for by the Departments/agencies? If so, what is the number of senior executive service employees that have a driver and which senior executive service employees have a driver?

(a) How much was spent on these drivers in 2016-17?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

453. Expenditure on taxis and hire cars is monitored in accordance with NSW Premier's Department memoranda and Treasury directions.

454. No.

Consulting

455. How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2016-17?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

456. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2016-17:

(a) Social media

i. And the cost of these services

(b) Photography

i. And the cost of these services

(c) Acting training

i. And the cost of these services

(d) Ergonomics

i. And the cost of these services

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

Department/Agency Staffing

457. What was the number of senior executive service employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

(a) How much was this number in 2011-12?

458. What was the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

(a) How much was this number in 2011-12?

459. What was the number of internal legal counsel employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

(a) How much was this number in 2011-12?

460. What was the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

(a) How much was this number in 2011-12?

461. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2016-17?
- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
- i. Voluntary
 - ii. Forced
- (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
462. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?
- (a) What was the nature of these works/services?
- (b) What was the total cost of these works or services?
463. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
464. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
465. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

457. Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE) numbers are reported in the Annual Reports of each agency within the Transport Cluster.
458. Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE) remuneration is reported in the Annual Reports of each agency within the Transport Cluster.
- 459-460. Staff numbers and their cost are managed within the agency's Labour Expense Cap, as part of the sector's Budget Controls.
- 461-464. Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. Redundancy figures across the sector for 2016/17 are anticipated to be in the order of 1,222, totalling 12,999 Since July 2011. The Labour Expenses Cap introduced in the 2012-13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements

of their agencies. Nurses, Police Officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

465. Stationary expenses are accounted for in agencies' recurrent budgets.

Smart Phone Accounts

466. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?

(a) What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on iTunes?

i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?

467. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?

(a) What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on Android?

i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are guided by NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks.

Websites Visited

468. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?

469. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The configuration of the Ministers' IT network infrastructure by our third party service providers does not allow the determination of such data.

Merchant fees

470. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency.

471. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions in your Department/agency.

472. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2016-17?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.

Transport Cluster agency staff only use their Pcards for the purchase of goods and services for official business purposes. If particular vendors elect to impose a merchant fee on card transactions, that is an unavoidable cost of doing business. It would not be possible to determine fees charges to Departmental cards, as these would either be embedded in the individual transaction cost, or if separately disclosed would require each monthly card statement for each user to be reviewed.

Probity Auditor

473. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, in the past five years? If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

In accordance with the NSW Procurement Board's Direction (PBD-2013-05), Transport Cluster agencies have internal mechanisms in place to ensure that probity considerations are routinely taken into account in its procurement decisions, and the use of external probity advisers and auditors is the exception rather than the rule. Transport Cluster agency annual reports include all consultancies including those involving probity advisors valued more than \$50,000.