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*433 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ELIZABETH ISLAND—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Is the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water aware of issues relating to excessive rubbish on Elizabeth Island?
- (b) If so, when did the Minister become aware?

(2)

- (a) Is the Minister aware of native vegetation allegedly being used as firewood on Elizabeth Island?
- (b) If so, when did the Minister become aware?

(3)

- (a) Has the Minister visited Elizabeth Island?
- (b) If so, when?

(4)

- (a) Has there been a scientific review of native vegetation on Elizabeth Island?
- (b) If so, when was this conducted and who conducted the review?

(5) What is the estimated cost of removing excessive rubbish from Elizabeth Island?

(6) When will the removal of excessive rubbish occur?

(7) What arrangements has the Government made for future control and monitoring of rubbish on Elizabeth Island?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) On 12 August 2015 the department was advised by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) that there have been rubbish problems on Elizabeth Island from people camping and from day visitors. The department has not received any indication from the local community or from LMCC that the rubbish problem was "excessive".
- (b) The department had not been formally advised of a problem with excessive rubbish on the island until very recently.

(2)

- (a) The department is not aware of this allegation.

(3)

- (a) No

(4)

- (a) As part of the Review of Environmental Factors and approval process for the 2013 dredging campaign for Swansea Chanel, an ecological survey of Elizabeth Island was undertaken by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd.
- (b) 2013

(5) No specific costing has been undertaken.

(6) Excess rubbish was removed from the island on the weekend of 17-18 August 2015

(7) DPI Lands will consult with Council, the community and key agencies about future management of the island. Restricting or preventing access to the island would be difficult.

*434 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—GAS SUPPLY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

(1) How many years supply of conventional and unconventional gas is estimated by the Government to

be available at the present time?

(2) How was the above figure reached?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Information on gas reserves is available from a number of public sources including the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) in its annual Gas Statement of Opportunities.

*435 JUSTICE AND POLICE—REVIEW INTO 10PM CLOSING TIME FOR PACKAGED LIQUOR OUTLETS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What are the terms of reference for the current review of the 10pm take-away liquor sales restrictions?

(2) What stakeholders have been, or will be consulted? Please list.

(3) When is the review expected to be completed?

Answer—

Stakeholders across government, health, community and business will be consulted.

A report of the review of the 10pm restriction on take-away liquor sales is expected to be completed next year.

*436 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

(a) Over the past four years how many private surveyors have been contracted by the Government in the determination of Aboriginal land claims?

(b) How many Aboriginal land claims have private surveyors been contracted for?

(2) What was the cost to the Government of the use of private surveyors for this purpose?

Answer—

(1)

(a) Over the past four years, approximately 24 external surveyors have been contracted by DPI - Lands to survey land granted through the determination of Aboriginal Land Claims.

(b) Over the past four years, external surveyors have been contracted to survey land granted for about 72 Aboriginal Land Claims. In some instances a single survey of land granted may involve multiple Aboriginal Land Claims.

(2) Over the past four years, the cost to DPI - Lands for the use of external surveyors was about \$3.8M.

The cost and time required for each survey varies due to the terrain, vegetation and size of the parcel of land to be surveyed.

*437 HEALTH—RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT, YOUNG—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

Regarding the previous answer to question no.169 published in Questions & Answers Paper No. 15 concerning renal services at Young:

(1) Who are the community representatives from Young invited to join the planning team for the new regional renal dialysis unit?

(2) Which organisation is represented by each of the community representatives from Young?

(3)

(a) How many meetings have been held involving the community representatives from Young?

(b) When were these meetings held?

(c) Where were these meetings held?

- (4) What is the timeframe for commencing services of a fully staffed renal dialysis unit in Young, distinct from the regional renal dialysis unit announced to be located at Cowra?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) An open invitation has been extended to Young Health Advisory Committee, including community representatives, to attend the planning meetings.

The new service in Cowra will be complementary to the self-dialysis service currently offered in Young.

*438 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—MULTICULTURAL NSW—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1)
- (a) Have there been any staff reductions at the office of Multicultural NSW in Wollongong since the current Minister became the Minister for Multiculturalism?
 - (b) If so, how many?
 - (c) If not, are any planned?
- (2)
- (a) Have there been any service reductions at the office of Multicultural NSW in Wollongong since the current Minister became the Minister for Multiculturalism?
 - (b) If so, what services have been reduced?
 - (c) If not, are any service reductions planned?
- (3)
- (a) Have there been any staff reductions at the office of Multicultural NSW in Newcastle since the current Minister became the Minister for Multiculturalism?
 - (b) If so, how many?
 - (c) If not, are any planned?
- (4)
- (a) Have there been any service reductions at the office of Multicultural NSW in Newcastle since the current Minister became the Minister for Multiculturalism?
 - (b) If so, what services have been reduced?
 - (c) If not, are any service reductions planned?
- (5) How many staff were employed at the Wollongong office of Multiculturalism NSW on 30 June 2015?
- (6) How many staff will be employed at the Wollongong office of Multiculturalism NSW on 21 August 2015?
- (7) How many staff were employed at the Newcastle office of Multiculturalism NSW on 30 June 2015?
- (8) How many staff will be employed at the Newcastle office of Multiculturalism NSW on 21 August 2015?

Answer—

- (1) to (8) Multicultural NSW staff will be located in the single head office location.

Service NSW will be accepting translation bookings. There are currently 41 shopfronts in operation and this will be increased to over 50. This is a massive expansion of service provision to the people of NSW.

Instead of only having access during business hours and limited locations – clients now have access 7 am to 7 pm and also on Saturdays.

The NSW Government is proud of these achievements and improvements to services and access to the people of NSW.

*439 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—MULTICULTURAL NSW EMPLOYEES—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed at Multicultural NSW on 30 June 2015?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent staff will be employed at Multicultural NSW on 21 August 2015?
- (3)
 - (a) How many staff have been made redundant under the redundancy program at Multicultural NSW referred to by the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism during Question Time on 13 August 2015?
 - (b) What was the total cost of this redundancy program?
 - (c) What was the average redundancy payment made to each employee?
 - (d) Were staff who were made redundant under this program offered alternative positions in the Government?
 - (e) Who made decisions regarding which staff would be offered redundancies?
 - (f) What was the criteria used by decision-makers in relation to this program?
- (4) How many new roles have been created in the restructure of Multiculturalism NSW?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The NSW Government embarked on significant reforms to the former Community Relations Commission. Following changes to Governance arrangements a new Chief Executive Officer was engaged in January 2014.

The Chief Executive Officer was tasked with leading an extensive review and stakeholder consultation of the former Community Relations Commission during 2014.

Outcomes and recommendations of this review process are reflected in the strategic plan, Harmony In Action 2014-2017, which is a road map to make NSW number one in Multicultural Practice.

The review included a recommendation to change the organisation's structure to enable Multicultural NSW to deliver improved services:

- By putting a focus on lifting the Community Engagement and Policy and Research capacity of the agency, and
- By putting a focus on Innovative Language Services and expanding access to these services to the people of NSW

Multicultural NSW has developed a structure that best delivers its strategic and legislative objectives.

*440 JUSTICE AND POLICE—NSW CRITICAL INCIDENTS 2013 TO DATE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many critical incidents involving police were investigated by the NSW Police Force in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2013?
 - (b) 2014?
 - (c) 2015 to date?
- (2) How many adverse findings were made against police officers in critical incident investigations in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013?
 - (b) 2014?
 - (c) 2015 to date?
- (3) How many disciplinary actions were taken against police as a result of critical incident investigations in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013?
 - (b) 2014?
 - (c) 2015 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1)

- (a) 22.
- (b) 24.
- (c) 16 (as at 24 August 2015).

(2)

- (a) 0.

(NB: In the response to Written Question no. 4856, published on 1 August 2013, two adverse findings were reported for 2013; however, these referred to a critical incident from an earlier year that was finalised in 2013. The current figure refers to critical incidents that took place in 2013.)

- (b) 2.
- (c) 0 (as at 31 August 2015).

(3)

- (a) 0.
- (b) 0.
- (c) 0 (as at 31 August 2015).

(NB: As in previous years, 'disciplinary action' is defined as reviewable action in accordance with s173, s80(3) or s181D of the Police Act 1990.)

Not all adverse findings involve conduct that meets the threshold of disciplinary or 'reviewable' action, such as removal from office, under the Police Act 1990 (sections 173, 80(3) or 181D). In some cases, counselling, education, further training or a clarification or restatement of correct procedures is the appropriate response to such findings.

*441 JUSTICE AND POLICE—BOWRAVILLE INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What is the current status of implementing the following recommendations made in the report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice entitled "The family response to the murders in Bowraville", dated November 2014:

- (a) Recommendation 1?
- (b) Recommendation 2?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force is well advanced in implementing a review of cultural awareness training programs, policies and procedures that relate to Aboriginal people. The NSW Police Force is also incorporating lessons learned from the Bowraville investigation, to be included in Aboriginal cultural awareness training.

*442 ATTORNEY GENERAL—BOWRAVILLE INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

(1) What is the current status of implementing the following recommendations made in the report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice entitled "The family response to the murders in Bowraville", dated November 2014::

- (a) Recommendation 3?
- (b) Recommendation 4?
- (c) Recommendation 5?
- (d) Recommendation 6?

- (e) Recommendation 7?
- (f) Recommendation 8?
- (g) Recommendation 9?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that in accordance with the Government response an additional Aboriginal Witness Assistance Service (WAS) Officer has recently been appointed so that there are now three Aboriginal WAS Officers employed by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Recommendation 3).

I am further advised that the Department of Justice has conducted an initial review and a round table will be held with relevant stakeholders to discuss cultural awareness training for the legal profession (Recommendation 4 and 5).

Regarding Recommendation 6, this question should be directed to the NSW Parliament to provide an update.

I am advised the Judicial Commission expects to complete its review shortly and Justice Wood's report is due later this year (Recommendations 7 and 8).

I am advised that no application for retrial has been received to date (Recommendation 9).

*443 HEALTH—BOWRAVILLE INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) What is the current status of implementing the following recommendations made in the report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice entitled "The family response to the murders in Bowraville", dated November 2014:

- (a) Recommendation 11?
- (b) Recommendation 12?
- (c) Recommendation 13?

Answer—

I refer your question to the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*444 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—BOWRAVILLE INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What is the current status of implementing the following recommendations made in the report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice entitled "The family response to the murders in Bowraville", dated November 2014:

- (a) Recommendation 13?
- (b) Recommendation 14?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is coordinating the implementation of the recommendations made in this report and these have been allocated to different government departments.

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) is responsible for responding to Recommendation 14 of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice Report "The family response to the murders in Bowraville" Report 55 November 2014.

This report states that the NSW Government funds the Nambucca Youth Services Centre to provide outreach services, particularly Aboriginal youth services, in Bowraville.

FACS is working with the Nambucca Valley Youth Services Centre and other stakeholders to identify options for youth services and activities for young people in Bowraville. The Nambucca Valley Youth

Services Centre will receive \$50,000 in order to provide youth services for Aboriginal young people in Bowraville.

They are also being assisted by FACS to organise a planning day in the first week of October. This will assist the centre with its business and governance planning and scope youth service projects funded by the \$50,000.

FACS has established a Youth Services in Bowraville Working Group to support its response to Recommendation 14. Membership includes representatives from Family and Community Services, Mid North Coast Local Health District, Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Nambucca Valley Youth Service Centre and Nambucca Shire Council and is being extended to the families and other community members.

A draft service proposal has been developed and is being distributed for consultation.

*445 LANDS AND WATER—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) The Minister for Lands and Water has stated previously on ABC Landline that the Local Land Services is doing a review of Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs). When will this review be completed and will the results of this review be made publicly available?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to putting a moratorium on long term leases of TSRs until this review is completed?
- (3) What is the status of the pilot program initiated by the Government to determine the future ownership or management of TSRs?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of Local Land Services issuing permits for five year grazing leases on TSR lands?
- (5) What are the details of long term leases of TSRs throughout the state?
- (6) How many long term grazing permits have been issued?
- (7) What are the policy reasons for issuing long term leases of TSRs?
- (8) Has a management framework been developed for long term leasing of TSRs?
- (9) Will the Government commit to putting a moratorium on issuing any permits for long term use of TSRs until a management framework is in place?
- (10) Has an audit of TSRs been undertaken to determine, among other things, their:
 - (a) management regime?
 - (b) ecological, economic, social & heritage value?
 - (c) status including leasing arrangement such as short, long and none?
 - (d) connectivity to other TSRs?
- (11) Is the Minister aware that a Dubbo-based action group, Combined Action to Retain Routes for Travelling Stock (CARRTS), initiated a petition on 25 June calling on the Government to refrain from fencing off, leasing or selling TSR land, and requesting that the Government to commence an immediate review which includes consultation with drovers and graziers?
- (12) Has the Minister met with CARRTS?

Answer—

- (1) Over the next few months, Local Land Services will consult with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a state-wide draft management plan and 11 draft regional management plans.
- (2) No. There is no evidence to suggest that long term permits are harmful.
- (3) See question one.
- (4) Yes. However, the process of granting longer term permits for TSRs is not new. It is common practice. The reason they are now being advertised is that, under previous arrangements, the governance surrounding the granting of some of the longer term permits wasn't strong, and there were grievances expressed about the "closed shop" nature of some processes.
- (5) Long term permits vary in length between 12 months to five years throughout the state. A range of factors are considered when granting annual or longer term permits. Permit holders who access TSRs must satisfy particular conditions which are provided with the permit.

- (6) Approximately 1,394 long term grazing permits have been issued or are being advertised across the state.
- (7) Based on the recommendations of Local Boards, Local Land Services is lengthening some longer term grazing permits from 12 months up to five years to increase maintenance and biodiversity outcomes.
- (8) See question one.
- (9) No. Again, long-term permits are not new. The process for gaining a long-term permit is simply more transparent.
- (10)
 - (a) to (d) This will be considered as part of the draft TSR planning framework referenced in question one.
- (11) No petition has been received by the Minister.
- (12) No.

*446 LANDS AND WATER—BOYD RIVER TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Is the Minister for Lands and Water aware that Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) along the Boyd River (approximately 54 kilometres south west of Grafton, Google map coordinates -29.851580, 152.555768) are being used for overnight camping, music 'raves' and recreational four-wheel driving which is causing damage to the TSR and a nuisance to the public?
- (2) Are the Boyd River TSRs considered 'controlled TSRs' or 'managed TSRs' under the Local Land Services Act 2013?
- (3) What are the details of any designated 'stock watering places' within the Boyd River TSRs?
- (4) What current and historical permits apply to these TSRs?
- (5) Will the Minister implement a section 70 closure order to protect the Boyd River TSRs?
- (6) Has the Minister exercised his discretion under s 34AA of the Crown Lands Act 1989 to validate any secondary interests concerning any of the Boyd River TSRs?
- (7) When has the Minister exercised his discretion under s 34AA of the Crown Lands Act 1989 to validate any 'secondary interests' relating to TSRs anywhere in the state? Please provide a list.

Answer—

- (1) North Coast Local Land Services is aware that Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) are being used for camping and other activities, which are illegal.
 - (a) Camping is an allowed activity under permit from Local Land Services. Permits are issued regularly for camping in this area. The area is monitored on a regular basis for this activity and, in particular, during high traffic periods such as school holidays.
 - (b) Music 'raves' and four wheel driving are not approved activities for TSRs. These activities are also monitored during inspections of the area. In order to control the illegal activities, Local Land Services' staff make regular visits to the area.

Further to this, North Coast Local Land Services was part of a multi-agency operation in the Boyd River area on 19-21 September 2014, which included NSW Police, Forest Corporation of NSW, Rural Fire Service and the Department of Primary Industries. This operation targeted illegal activities that related to each organisation's area of operations.
- (2) Boyd River TSRs are considered as controlled TSRs. The definition of controlled travelling stock reserve within Part 6 of the Local Land Services Act means:
 - (a) a travelling stock reserve the care, control and management of which is vested in Local Land Services under this Part, or
 - (b) a travelling stock reserve that is a stock watering place for which Local Land Services is the controlling authority under Part 7.
- (3) None of the TSRs within the Boyd River area are designated as stock watering places.

- (4) The TSRs in the Boyd River area have been subject to a number of different types of permits. These include month-to-month agistment permits for cattle and current Annual Grazing Permits. All of these comply with current requirements of the Act and Regulations.
- (5) The Section 70 Closure Order relates to closing the TSR for purposes which are allowed under the Act, such as recreation (Section 62 of the LLS Regulation 2014) or grazing. The activities described relating to music 'raves' and four wheel driving are currently not allowed under the Act. Consequently, a Closure Order will be of no benefit in restricting these illegal activities.
- (6) No.
- (7) To date, the Minister has not exercised his power under s34AA of the Crown Lands Act 1989 to validate a secondary interest in relation to a TSR.

*447 ARTS, JUSTICE AND POLICE, RACING—CASINO DEVELOPMENT—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Following the meeting between the Deputy Premier and Wynn Resorts, reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on 13 August 2015, have any steps been taken to build another casino or to develop an "integrated resort" in New South Wales?

Answer—

No.

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532 ENVIRONMENT—ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS MOUNT ANNAN—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) Is the Government moving the herbarium away from the Royal Botanic Gardens to Mount Annan?
- (b) If so, what is the reason for this?
- (c) What impact is this expected to have on workers currently working at the herbarium?

533 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ALLIANCE CONTRACTS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Which current or recently completed Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) projects have been procured and awarded as 'Alliance' contracts?

(2)

- (a) Do all current or recently completed RMS projects fully comply with NSW Treasury processes, such as gateway reviews, business case, and risk assessment?
- (b) If not, which projects are not compliant and in what ways?

(3)

- (a) Do any current or recently completed RMS projects lack authorising signatures on key approval documents?
- (b) Is so, which projects?

534 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What action did the Minister for Transport take when he was made aware of the current state of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?

- (2)
- (a) Was the Minister ever sent a copy of the SMEC Hawkesbury River Underbridge Inspection Report dated 7 November 2013?
 - (b) If so, when was the Minister sent a copy of the SMEC Hawkesbury River Underbridge Inspection Report dated 7 November 2013?
- (3) Did the former Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejikian and current Minister Andrew Constance participate in any formal changeover and was the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge raised?
- (4) When was the last time the Minister met with the Independent Transport Safety Regulator?
- (5) When was the last time the Minister met with the Office of Transport Safety Investigations?
- (6) At what point does the Minister expect to be made aware once the Minister's agencies become aware of safety issues?
- (7) Will the Minister be made aware of the outcome of all inspections under the Sydney Trains Bridge Management Program from this day on?
- (8)
- (a) What was the date of the last underwater inspection of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
 - (b) What did the inspection find?
- (9)
- (a) Has the Minister ever asked to be briefed on repairs and maintenance on the Sydney trains Network?
 - (b) If so, why was Hawkesbury River Bridge not raised?
- (10) Will the Minister release the inspection documents for all bridge inspections conducted as part of the Sydney Trains Bridge Management Program since 2011?
- (11) Is the Minister concerned that repairs were not undertaken on the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge despite a report indicating that repairs should be undertaken within a year?
- (12)
- (a) Has the Minister read the SMEC Hawkesbury River Underbridge Inspection Report dated 7 November 2013?
 - (b) On what date did the Minister finish reading this report?
- (13) Does the Minister have a duty of care to commuters on the New South Wales Rail Network?
- (14) Did the Minister conduct any underwater monitoring of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge once the 2014 tender was withdrawn?
- (15) What is the date of the next underwater inspection of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- (16) Has there been an underwater inspection of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge on any of the following dates:
- (a) 14/09/2015?
 - (b) 15/09/2015?
 - (c) 16/09/2015?
 - (d) 17/09/2015?

535 SKILLS—SMART AND SKILLED—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1)
- (a) What is the figure for the total payments that should have been made between 1 January 2015 and 1 September 2015 to providers in respect of Smart and Skilled if the allocation of all entitlements had progressed according to the original contracted quantities?
 - (b) What is the figure of the total payments that have been made in this period to all providers in respect of Smart and Skilled?
- (2)

- (a) Are there any differences between these numbers?
- (b) If so, what are they?

536 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

For each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water's portfolio responsibilities how many full time equivalent staff are allocated to each section or division responsible for responding to applications for information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009?

537 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORTFOLIO LEGAL EXPENSES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) What was the total cost of legal expenses in the last financial year for each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water portfolio responsibilities?

(2)

- (a) What were the legal cases brought against each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities? Please list.
- (b) What was the cost of each case? Please list.
- (c) Which legal firms were used? Please list.

538 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORTFOLIO DOMESTIC CONFERENCES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) For each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water's portfolio responsibilities:

- (a) What domestic conferences were attended by senior or executive staff, such as New South Wales Public Service Senior Executive employees, and including Secretary or Director-General and related positions?
- (b) What was the total cost of attendance including fees, travel, accommodation and any other expenses, broken down into the amount for each conference?
- (c) Where was each conference held?
- (d) When was each conference held?

539 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORTFOLIO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

For each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water's portfolio responsibilities:

(1)

- (a) What international conferences were attended by senior or executive staff, such as New South Wales Public Service Senior Executive employees, and including Secretary or Director-General and related positions?
- (b) What was the total cost of attendance including fees, travel, accommodation and any other expenses, broken down into the amount for each conference?
- (c) Where was each conference held?
- (d) When was each conference held?

540 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORTFOLIO EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND TARGETS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) What were the efficiency dividend targets in dollar value for each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water portfolio responsibilities for the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (b) How were the efficiency dividend targets achieved?
 - (c) What was the dollar value of each measure to achieve each efficiency dividend target?
 - (2)
 - (a) What are the efficiency dividend targets in dollar value for each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water portfolio responsibilities for this financial year?
 - (b) What are the Minister's plans to meet these targets?
- 541 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORTFOLIO EXTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- For each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water's portfolio responsibilities:
- (1) How many employees have been subject to external investigations or suspected of having breached the public service code in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (2) What external company or companies have been used to conduct those investigations?
- 542 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY WATER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- How many positions were made redundant, outsourced, abolished, deleted, retrenched or restructured within Sydney Water in 2014-15? Please provide a breakdown by department or division of those jobs.
- 543 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—APPRENTICES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1) How many apprentices does each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water's portfolio responsibilities plan to hire to commence at the start of the next calendar year (2016)?
 - (2) How many apprentices were hired by each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities at the beginning of the following years:
 - (a) 2012?
 - (b) 2013?
 - (c) 2014?
 - (d) 2015?
- 544 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORTFOLIO BOARD AND TRUSTS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
 - (a) What were the dates for all meetings conducted by each Board and Trust within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (b) What were the venues for all meetings conducted by each Board and Trust within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (c) What was the cost of meals and sustenance for Board and Trust members at these meetings?
 - (2) What was the cost of accommodation for Board and Trust members in 2014-15? Please break down into meeting-related, conferences or other.
 - (3) What was the cost of travel for Board and Trust members in 2014-15? Please break down into meeting-related, conferences or other.

545 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR GROUPS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Did the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water's meet with any of the advisory committees or groups administered by the Departments, Agencies, Statutory Bodies and State Owned Corporations within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) What is the date of each meeting with each advisory committee or group? please provide in table form.
 - (b) What is the venue of each meeting with each advisory committee or group? please provide in table form.

546 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ASSET, BUILDING AND LAND DISPOSAL—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
 - (a) Did any of the Departments, Agencies, Statutory Bodies and State Owned Corporations within Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water portfolio responsibilities dispose of assets, buildings or land in 2014-15?
 - (b) If so, please provide in table form the revenue derived from the sale of such assets, buildings or land, broken down into the revenue received for each sale under each Department, Agency, Statutory Body and State Owned Corporation within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

547 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the recent safety concerns raised regarding Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge:

- (1) On what date did the former Minister for Transport become aware of the deterioration to the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- (2) On what date did any staff from the former Minister's office become aware of the deterioration to the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- (3) On what date was the former Minister's office made aware of an application under Government Information (Public Access) laws for documents relating to the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- (4)
 - (a) On what date did the former Minister first raise concerns regarding the safety of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge to Sydney Trains?
 - (b) Who was the concern raised with?
 - (c) What was their title?
 - (d) Was the concern raised by telephone call, text, email or post?
- (5)
 - (a) On what date did the former Minister first raise concerns regarding the safety of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge to the Independent Transport Safety Investigator?
 - (b) Who was the concern raised with?
 - (c) What was their title?
 - (d) Was the concern raised by telephone call, text, email or post?
- (6)
 - (a) Did the former Minister receive any briefing, report or correspondence concerning the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge before 25 August 2015?
 - (b) If so, on what date?

548 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SAFETY CONCERNS HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the recent safety concerns raised regarding Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge:

- (1) What action did the former Minister for Transport take when she was made aware of the level of disrepair of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- (2) What was the date that the former Minister was made aware of the current level of disrepair of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- (3) Was the former Minister sent a copy of the SMEC Hawkesbury River Underbridge Inspection Report dated 7 November 2013?
- (4) When was the former Minister sent a copy of the SMEC Hawkesbury River Underbridge Inspection Report dated 7 November 2013?
- (5) Did the former Minister brief the current Minister for Transport to the state of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge during a handover?
- (6) Did the former Minister and current Minister participate in any formal changeover and was the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge raised?
- (7) When was the last time that the former Minister met with the Independent Transport Safety Regulator?
- (8) When was the last time that the former Minister met with the Office of Transport Safety Investigations?
- (9) Is the former Minister concerned that repairs were not undertaken on the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge despite a report indicated that repairs should be undertaken within a year?
- (10)
 - (a) Has the former Minister read the SMEC Hawkesbury River Underbridge Inspection Report dated 7 November 2013?
 - (b) On what date did the former Minister finish reading this report?
- (11) Did the former Minister conduct any underwater monitoring of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge once the 2014 tender was withdrawn?

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