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*3439 ENVIRONMENT—MOUNT PIPER FLY-ASH DAMS—Ms Rhiannon asked the Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) Has the Cullen Bullen Rural Fire Brigade been called out on at least three occasions to apparent fires, which turned out to be dust blowing off Mount Piper fly-ash dams?

(2)
   (a) Have dust plumes from Mount Piper power stations fly-ash dams been detected from fire towers as far away as Sunny Corner State Forest?
   (b) If so, what are the likely human health affects of such fine particulate dust on local residents?
   (c) If so, what are the likely affects on water quality and natural environments?

Answer—
The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has not received any reports that Cullen Bullen Fire Brigade had been called out to apparent fires that turned out to be dust blowing off the Mount Piper ash storage area.

DEC is not aware of any dust plumes being detected from the fire tower.

DEC is satisfied that dust control measures, such as water sprays, being applied by Delta Electricity to the ash storage area are in accordance with Delta's Environmental Management Plan.

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*3485 EMERGENCY SERVICES—DARLINGHURST FIRE BRIGADE—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Have a number of streets around the fire station on Victoria and Craigend Streets in Darlinghurst been narrowed due to the Cross City Motorway?

(2)
   (a) Did discussions take place with the fire brigade in Darlinghurst about these street changes?
   (b) If so, what?
   (c) If not, why not?

(3)
   (a) Was a fire engine that was returning to the station approximately three weeks ago not able to access William Street from Bourke Street due to the closure of Bourke south of William Street and was stranded at the corner of Clapton Place and Farrell Ave for about one hour?
   (b) If so, why was this allowed to happen?

(4)
   (a) Has the impact of these street changes for all emergency vehicles in eastern Sydney been examined?
   (b) If not, why not?

Answer—
(1) Road and traffic changes associated with the Cross City Tunnel (CCT) are available on the CCT website at www.crosscity.com.au.

(2) and (4) The New South Wales Fire Brigades has been consulting with the Roads and Traffic Authority and the City of Sydney Council to identify potential impacts on emergency response and to negotiate appropriate measures for traffic management.
(3) No.

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3631 EMERGENCY SERVICES—IMPACT OF STREET CLOSURES DUE TO THE C C T—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What consultations have been undertaken with local councils, emergency services and residents in Woollahra and Paddington and other parts of East Sydney to assess the impact of street closures associated with the Cross City Tunnel (CCT) on emergency services?

(2) What provisions have been made to ensure these street changes will not interfere with emergency services?

(3)
(a) Have emergency services been supplied with a list of the planned and implemented road changes associated with the Cross City Tunnel?
(b) If not, why not?
(c) If so, when was this material supplied to fire services, ambulance services, the police and other emergency services?

3632 EMERGENCY SERVICES—IMPACT OF STREET CLOSURES DUE TO THE M7—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What consultations have been undertaken with local councils, emergency services and residents of Oakhurst to assess the impact of street closures and changes to traffic movements associated with the M7 motorway on emergency services?

(2) What provisions have been made to ensure these street changes will not interfere with emergency services?

(3)
(a) Have emergency services been supplied with a list of the planned and implemented road changes associated with the M7 motorway?
(b) If not, why not?
(c) If so, when was this material supplied to fire services, ambulance services, the police and other emergency services?

3633 HEALTH—PETROL SNIFFING IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES—Revd Dr Moyes to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Has the Northern Territory called for governments around Australia to implement the recommendations of several coronial inquests into petrol sniffing deaths?

(2) Has any concerted analysis been made of the extent, if any, of petrol sniffing within local and regional indigenous communities in New South Wales?

(3)
(a) Do adequate treatment and rehabilitation services exist in New South Wales for indigenous persons who engage in petrol sniffing?
(b) If not, why not?

3634 ENVIRONMENT—WASTEWATER DILUTION—Revd Dr Moyes to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—
(1) What is being done to stop companies from using Sydney's drinking water from taps to dilute wastewater in order to meet Environment Protection Authority (EPA) discharge requirements before disposal?

(2) 
(a) Has the EPA allowed this wasteful practice to occur?
(b) If so, why?

(3) Where has this practice occurred in New South Wales?

(4) 
(a) Are the details of the companies partaking in this practice publicly available?
(b) If so, where?

3635 UTILITIES—TALLOWA DAM INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Utilities—

(1) By how many metres will the proposal to raise the Tallowa Dam increase the height of the existing dam wall?

(2) Has raising the dam wall been classified critical infrastructure under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)?

(3) Are there plans to classify the development as 'critical infrastructure'?

(4) 
(a) Will a full Environmental Impact Statement be conducted?
(b) If so, when?
(c) If not, why not?

3636 PLANNING—ROSE BAY MARINA DEVELOPMENT—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) 
(a) Has the Department of Planning resumed planning control for the proposed Marina at the western end of Rose Bay?
(b) If so, on what basis?

(2) Has the Government deemed this development critical infrastructure, or called in the development under section 75B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?

(3) If the department has not called in the Rose Bay development, does Woollahra Council still retain planning control for this development?

(4) Does the department plan to take control of this development?

(5) 
(a) Was this development referred to a Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources planning focus meeting on 13 October 2005?
(b) If so, on what basis was this development referred to at that meeting?

(6) 
(a) Does the proposal involve changing any existing swing moorings to fixed moorings?
(b) If so, how many?

(7) What will the increase be in the total number of moorings resulting from this development?

3637 PLANNING—PERISHER RANGE DEVELOPMENT—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
(1) How much of the $250 million announced by the Government for Kosciuszko National Park is linked to infrastructure for development proposals in the Perisher Range?

(2)
(a) What is the justification for the infrastructure expenditure?
(b) Why is the infrastructure required?

(3) Would the expenditure on infrastructure be necessary if the development proposals at Perisher do not proceed?

(4) What is the timetable for the infrastructure proposals in the Perisher Range?

(5) How does the Government propose to meet the water demands of the proposed developments at Perisher?

(6)
(a) Did Perisher Blue lodge a Species Impact Statement with the development application for the Village Centre in Perisher Valley?
(b) If not, why not?

(7)
(a) As the proposed development at Perisher Valley is within a National Park, could this impact on species and communities listed in the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (NSW)?
(b) If so, will the Department of Planning require the developer to lodge a Species Impact Statement?
   (i) If so, when?
   (ii) If not, why not?

(8) Will the Government use Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to fast track infrastructure development in the Kosciuszko National Park?

3638 COMMERCE—PERISHER VALLEY CAR PARK LEASE—Ms Hale to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)
(a) Does Perisher Blue have an exclusive negotiation agreement with the Department of Commerce, in relation to the proposed Village Centre development?
(b) If so, what is the nature of this ‘exclusive negotiation agreement’?

(2)
(a) Is the Government currently negotiating new terms and conditions for the Perisher Blue car park lease?
(b) Will the Government make the terms of the lease public?
(c) If so, when?
(d) If not, why not?

(3) Are the terms and conditions being negotiated to ensure no net increase in the number of vehicles or car parking spaces in the car park?

(4) What other leases within the Kosciusko National Park are being negotiated within the next two years, that could impact on the scale and nature of operations at Perisher Blue?

(5) Does the Government intend to renegotiate the terms and conditions of any other leases in the Park that would impact on the scale and nature of the operations of the lessee?

3639 ENVIRONMENT—ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE OF PERISHER VALLEY—Ms Hale to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1)
(a) Did the Independent Scientific Committee, set up by the Government to study the value of the Kosciusko National Park, find that there would be increased pressure on the park's environmental values with expanded development, especially those motivated by commercial reasons?
(b) How will the Government address these concerns?

(2) How will the Government ensure the proposed development does not damage:
(a) The alpine and subalpine areas?
(b) Periglacial and other geological features and flora and fauna habitat?
(c) Tree lines and other native vegetation and fauna habitats?
(d) Subalpine vegetation, old-aged mature snow gums and aquatic systems?
(e) Scenic amenity?
(f) Loss of experience of remoteness and reduced quality of visitor experience of the area as a natural area?

(3) What criteria is the Government using to justify increased intensification of tourist operations in the Perisher Range and other areas being leased in the park?

3640 TRANSPORT—MACDONALDTOWN TRAIN STABLING PROJECT—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

(1) 
(a) Was a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) conducted into the Macdonaldtown Stabling Project?
(b) If so, when?
(c) If not, why not?

(2) Will an EIA be conducted for the next phase of the Macdonaldtown Stabling Project?

(3) 
(a) Does RailCorp have any plans to return the rail marshalling sheds at Eveleigh to train marshalling use?
(b) Why are these existing sheds not being used to marshall trains in the Redfern/Macdonaldtown area?

(4) 
(a) What works would be necessary to upgrade the existing Eveleigh sheds to make them suitable for use as a stabling facility?
(b) What would the approximate cost of this work be?

(5) 
(a) Are the existing train storage shed and associated tracks at Redfern/Eveleigh suitable for train stabling?
(b) If not, why not?

(6) 
(a) Are there plans to sell off the Eveleigh yards and associated land?
(b) If so, what are they?

(7) Would trains stored along the northern side of the main rail lines, parallel to the part of Wilson Street with no houses, be less intrusive than the proposed marshalling yards at the Burren Street end of the site?

(8) 
(a) What community consultation was conducted by either RailCorp or Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation (TIDC) associated with the Macdonaldtown Stabling Project?
(b) What further community consultation will be conducted?

(9) What noise impacts will occur for local residents associated with the Project?
With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many cars are leased by Government Finance Entity and/or State Fleet and provided to the Ministry and/or Ministerial staff?

(2) How many new cars will be purchased or leased in the 2005-06 financial year under the arrangement described in Question (1)? Please provide details of the make, size and horsepower of the cars acquired in the 2005-06 financial year to date.

(3) How many new cars were purchased or leased in the 2004-05 financial year? Please provide details of the make, size and horsepower of the cars acquired in the 2004-05 financial year.

(4) How many of these cars are fuelled by:
   (a) Liquid petroleum gas (LPG)?
   (b) Compressed natural gas (CNG)?
   (c) Petrol?

(5) (a) Does the Ministry use its own LPG or CNG refuelling stations?
   (b) If so, how many are there of these?

(6) (a) Does the Ministry have a policy or strategy to reduce the fuel consumption of its car fleet?
   (b) If so, can details be provided?

(7) What is the fuel efficiency rating of each of the cars provided to the Ministry and/or Ministerial staff under the arrangement described in Question (6)(a) above?

(8) How does the actual fuel consumption and mileage compare with that rating for each of these cars?

(9) Statewide, what operating savings would have been achieved for the 2004-05 financial year if all cars provided to the Ministry and/or Ministerial staff were run on:
   (a) LPG?
   (b) CNG?

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did the Ministry include in its annual report a report on outcomes achieved for clients from multicultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds for each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) If not, did the Ministry otherwise publish a report on outcomes achieved for clients from multicultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds for each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—DIVERSITY COSTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing culturally responsive and accessible services for each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) If so, how much did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing culturally responsive and accessible services in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) How much did the Ministry budget for this purpose for the 2005-06 financial year?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PUBLIC INFORMATION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Please provide a current list of each public/community publication in which the Ministry publishes material in English as at today's date or, if this information is unavailable, the last date for which the respective publications were available.

(2) For each of the public/community publications published in English by the Ministry:
   (a) Which of these publications is published in languages other than English and what are the languages in which the publications are issued?
   (b) How many copies were printed?
   (c) What was the total cost of the publication (including translation, printing and distribution) of each of these documents?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—STAFF WITH NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUNDS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) What efforts has the Ministry made to identify employees from non-English speaking backgrounds and the languages in which they are fluent?

(2) What proportion of the Ministry's personnel have a non-English speaking background?

(3) For each language other than English, how many Ministry employees were identified as being:
   (a) Fluent in the respective language?
   (b) Proficient in the respective language?

(4) Of the Ministry's personnel with skills in languages other than English:
   (a) How many possessed accredited language skills to either translator or interpreter standard?
For each language, how many were identified as having accreditation as a translator and what was their respective level of accreditation?

For each language, how many were identified as having accreditation as an interpreter and what was their respective level of accreditation?

Of the Ministry's personnel possessing accredited language skills to either translator or interpreter standard, how many has the Ministry funded in whole or in part in order to achieve that level of proficiency?

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1. Did any Ministerial staff members receive an allowance under the Community Allowance Scheme in the 2003-04 financial year?
2. If so, how many received:
   a. The base level of allowance?
   b. The higher level of allowance?

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1. How much did the Ministry spend engaging language translators in each of the following financial years:
   a. 2000-01?
   b. 2001-02?
   c. 2002-03?
   d. 2003-04?
   e. 2004-05?

2. How much was spent engaging language interpreters in each of the following financial years:
   a. 2000-01?
   b. 2001-02?
   c. 2002-03?
   d. 2003-04?
   e. 2004-05?

3. What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for engaging:
   a. Language translators?
   b. Language interpreters?

4. For each language in which a translator was engaged, how many engagements occurred in each of the following financial years:
   a. 2000-01?
   b. 2001-02?
   c. 2002-03?
   d. 2003-04?
   e. 2004-05?

5. For each language in which an interpreter was engaged, how many engagements occurred in each of the following financial years:
   a. 2000-01?
(6) What was the total cost (broken down according to language) of the engagement of translators in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(7) What was the total cost (broken down according to language) of the engagement of interpreters in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

3648 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PRINT ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial in the ethnic print media in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(2) What are the details of the name of the publication used in each instance, the language in which it is printed, the average circulation achieved by the publication and the Ministry's total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each publication in each of the following years:

(a) 2000-01.
(b) 2001-02.
(c) 2002-03.
(d) 2003-04.
(e) 2004-05.

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial in the ethnic print media?

3649 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—RADIO ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial on ethnic radio in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
Please provide details of which radio station was used in each instance, the language in which it is broadcast and the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each language at each radio station in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01.
(b) 2001-02.
(c) 2002-03.
(d) 2003-04.
(e) 2004-05.

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial on ethnic radio?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

Did contracts with intermediary service providers used for delivering the Ministry programs or services identified above specify access and equity accountabilities (e.g. collection and reporting of information on client characteristics) as part of their funding conditions?

(3)
(a) If so, for each was the condition a standard clause?
(b) If so, can the Ministry supply a copy of the standard clause used in the contracts?

(4) If the Ministry did not use a standard clause in these contracts, what were the various conditions used in its service contracts with intermediary service providers used for delivering the Ministry's programs or services? Please provide a copy of each.

(5)
(a) Does the Ministry audit its contracts with intermediary service providers used for delivering the Ministry's programs or services to ensure compliance with any funding conditions specifying access and equity accountabilities (standard clauses or otherwise)?
(b) If so, please supply details of the results of these audits.

3652 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS ENGAGED—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:
(1) In regard to those occasions during the 2004-05 financial year when the need for a contractor was established within the Ministry thereby necessitating the engagement of a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute any project or task:
(a) What was the name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged in each instance?
(b) What was the project or task the contractor or contractors were engaged to perform in each instance?
(c) What was the actual amount paid to the contractor or contractors in each instance indicating where relevant the extent to which this amount exceeded the projected cost for the contract?

(2) In regard to those occasions during the 2005-06 financial year to date when the need for a contractor has been established within the Ministry thereby necessitating the engagement of a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute any project or task:
(a) What was the name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged in each instance?
(b) What was the project or task the contractor or contractors were engaged to perform in each instance?
(c) What was the actual amount paid to the contractor or contractors in each instance?

3653 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COST FORECASTING OF CONTRACTORS ENGAGED—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:
(1) During the 2004-05 financial year, was a cost-benefit analysis prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors in every instance?

(2) In every instance during the 2004-05 financial year when a cost-benefit analysis was prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors, what was:
(a) The estimated or forecast cost of engaging a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute the relevant project or task and a description of the project or task involved?
(b) The name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged to undertake and/or execute the project or task and whether the work performed by the contractor or contractors met the objectives and milestones specific to the project within the agreed budget and time-frame?

(c) The extent to which the amount the contractor or contractors received exceeded the agreed budget and time frame and/or any estimated or forecast cost in the cost benefit analysis prepared by the Ministry?

(3) During the 2005-06 financial year, has a cost-benefit analysis been prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors in every instance?

(4) In every instance during the 2005-06 financial year to date when a cost-benefit analysis has been prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors, what was:

(a) The estimated or forecast cost of engaging a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute the relevant project or task and a description of the project or task involved?

(b) The name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged to undertake and/or execute the project or task and whether the work performed by the contractor or contractors has met the objectives and milestones specific to the project within the agreed budget and time-frame?

(c) The extent to which the amount the contractor or contractors received exceeded the agreed budget and time frame and/or any estimated or forecast cost in the cost benefit analysis prepared by the Ministry?

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many employees/staff carry or use Ministry credit cards?

(2) What was the total amount of expenditure by staff on credit cards used within the Ministry in each of the following years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(3) For staff issued with a credit card what was their:

(a) Classification?
(b) Seniority level?
(c) Credit limit on those credit cards?

(4) How much interest and fees were paid by the Ministry in respect of the credit cards used within the Ministry in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(5) Please provide a breakdown of the amount spent by the Ministry staff using credit cards for:

(a) Reimbursement of meals and food related expenses.
(b) Reimbursement of accommodation expenses.
(c) Reimbursement of taxi and hire car expenses.
3655 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research, please provide data on the number of staff in the Ministry in each salary band?

3656 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1. How many Ministerial staff does the Ministry provide?
2. To what Minister or Parliamentary Secretary are they assigned?
3. What was the total cost of providing/assigning Ministerial staff to any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary in each of the following financial years:
   - (a) 2000-01?
   - (b) 2001-02?
   - (c) 2002-03?
   - (d) 2003-04?
   - (e) 2004-05?
4. What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial for providing/assigning Ministerial staff to any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary?

3657 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTER—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1. Does the Ministry have a staff member or staff members whose duties involve coordinating and processing correspondence, briefings, Freedom of Information requests, reports to Parliament, answers to Questions on Notice, Estimates briefings and other matters necessary to support the Minister and agency Head in communicating with, and being accountable to, the people of New South Wales?
2. (a) Are the staff members performing the duties described in Question (1) located in a particular unit, section or area of the Ministry?
   (b) If so, which?
   (c) If so, do staff members working within that unit, section or area of the Ministry advise the Minister, or prepare briefings for the Minister, as part of their duties?
      (i) If so, to whom do these particular staff members report?
3. How many Ministry staff are:
   (a) Responsible for performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?
4. What are the job titles of the staff members:
   (a) Performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?
5. What was the total cost in the 2004-05 financial year of Ministry staff:
   (a) Responsible for performing the duties described in Question (1)?
(b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?

(6) How much has been budgeted by the Ministry in the 2005-06 financial year to cover the cost of staff:
   (a) Responsible for performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Please provide a copy of the information submitted by the Ministry to the Workforce Profile team of the NSW Premier's Department in connection with the preparation of the 2004 Workforce Profile Collection.

(2) Please provide a copy of information and workforce statistics compiled within the Ministry in connection with the preparation of the document entitled Overview Report for the NSW Public Sector Workforce Profile 2004 issued by the Public Employment Office of the NSW Premier's Department.

(3) Does the Ministry have any organisational plans or charts (for internal or external distribution) which show channels of communication, lines of responsibility or distribution of duties:
   (a) Between units/sections/areas of the Ministry?
   (b) Within units/sections/areas of the Ministry?
   (c) Between individual staff members of the Ministry?

(4) Please provide a copy of any organisational plans or charts compiled within the Ministry in connection with the preparation of the document entitled Overview Report for the NSW Public Sector Workforce Profile 2004 issued by the Public Employment Office of the NSW Premier's Department.

(5) Please provide a copy of all organisational plans or charts currently in distribution (internal or external distribution) which show channels of communication, lines of responsibility or distribution of duties:
   (a) Between units/sections/areas of the Ministry.
   (b) Within units/sections/areas of the Ministry.
   (c) Between individual staff members of the Ministry.

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How much was spent by the Ministry on professional development for senior staff in the 2004-05 financial year?

(2) How has that expenditure varied over the last three financial years?

(3) Please provide a breakdown of the aggregate spend on professional development of senior staff over the last three years according to their classification as Senior Executive Service (SES) or Senior Officers other than SES.

(4) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year to be spent on professional development of senior staff?
BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1. (a) What was the total spend by the Ministry on both in-house and external job-related training for staff (please include training days, in-service training) in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) What is the amount budgeted for this training in the current financial year?

2. (a) How many work hours did Ministry staff spend on both in-house and external job-related training for staff (please include training days, in-service training etc) in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) How many hours of staff training is it envisaged staff will undertake in the current financial year?

3. How has expenditure on staff training varied over the last three financial years?

4. (a) What are the specific areas of focus for staff training due to be undertaken in this financial year?
   (b) How does this differ from training programs undertaken in the previous two financial years (i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05)?

5. Please provide a breakdown of the aggregate spend on in-house and external job-related training for staff over the last three years according to their classification and/or level.

BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—WORK PRACTICES—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1. (a) Has the Ministry implemented any new policies or practices to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities during the 2004-05 financial year and the financial year to date?
   (b) If so, what?

2. (a) Does the Ministry have any benchmarks against which it assesses the efficacy of new policies or practices introduced by it to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities?
   (b) If so, what are those precise benchmarks?

3. If the Ministry has implemented any new policies or practices to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities during the last four financial years:
   (a) Has it sought employee feedback to evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives?
   (b) (i) Has there been any cost-benefit analysis performed to assess the effectiveness of such initiatives?
   (ii) If so, what did the analysis indicate?

BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:
(1) How many people with a disability are employed by the Ministry in each New South Wales electoral
division?
(2) Please provide an overview of the Ministry's disabled workforce such as their employment status
(permanent, casual, temporary), average remuneration rate by gender, age, gender and occupational
group.

3663 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EMPLOYMENT OF MATURE
AGE STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister
for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for
Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:
(1) In light of recent discussion in the community about increasing workplace participation of older
workers, with respect to the Ministry what is the total number of:
   (a) Male staff aged over 65 years?
   (b) Female staff aged over 60 years?
(2) How many men over 65 years and women over 60 years does the Ministry in each New South Wales
electoral division employ?
(3) Please provide an overview of the Ministry workforce older than retirement age such as their
employment status (permanent, casual, temporary), average remuneration rate by gender, age, gender
and occupational group.
(4) What policies are in place within the Ministry to encourage employment of staff older than
retirement age?

3664 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—STATE GOVERNMENT
FUNDED PROGRAMS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and
Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister
for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:
(1)
   (a) Does the Ministry administer any State funded programs for which community organisations or
businesses can apply for funding?
   (b) If so, what are these programs?
(2) Does the Ministry advertise these funding opportunities?
(3) For each of these programs please provide a breakdown of the following by electoral division and
year (that is, for each of 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date):
   (a) The name and postal address of each organisation that sought funding from the State.
   (b) The purpose of the funding sought in each case.
   (c) For successful applications, the level of funding provided.

3665 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—UNFILLED PUBLIC SERVICE
POSITIONS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister
for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for
Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:
(1) How many Ministerial full time equivalent staff positions in non-urban areas are currently unfilled?
(2) Please provide a breakdown of these unfilled positions by staff classification:
   (a) Corporate Administration staff?
   (b) Maintenance and Trades?
   (c) Other?
(3) How many permanent, temporary and casual vacancies within the Ministry were filled by using the
services of employment and placement agencies or companies?

(4) Which employment and placement agencies were used by the Ministry during the 2003-04 financial year?

(5) What was the cost to the Ministry of the services of employment and placement agencies used during the 2003-04 financial year?

(6) Which employment and placement agencies have received payments from the Ministry for the placement of staff during the current financial year?

(7) Which employment and placement agencies have received payments from the Ministry for temporary or contract staff during:
   (a) The 2005-06 financial year to date?
   (b) The 2003-04 financial year?

(8) What payments were made to temporary employment agencies/temporary contractors during the 2003-04 financial year according to the following qualification/staff classification:
   (a) Corporate Administration staff?
   (b) Maintenance and Trades?
   (c) Other?

3666 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PROCUREMENT POLICY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) When did the Ministry last update its procurement policy documentation?

(2) What mechanisms does the Ministry have in place to ensure its procurement guidelines reflect current policy in relation to government contracting?

3667 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many media and/or communications advisers were employed by the Director General of the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 during the 2004-05 financial year?

(2) What was the total cost to the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed by the Director General of the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002?

(3) How many media and/or communications advisers are currently employed by the Director General of the Ministry?

(4) What is the estimated total cost to the Ministry in the 2005-06 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed by the Director General of the Ministry?

(5) How many media and/or communications advisers were employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry during the 2004-05 financial year?

(6) What was the total cost to the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry?

(7) How many media and/or communications advisers are currently employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry?

(8) What is the estimated total cost to the Ministry in the 2005-06 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry?
With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did the Ministry submit any campaign advertising plans to the Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2004-05 financial year?
   (a) If so, is a copy of all the campaign advertising plans submitted by the Ministry to the Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2004-05 financial year publicly available?

(2) What was the total actual advertising expenditure by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year?

(3) How has the total advertising expenditure by the Ministry varied over the last three financial years?

(4) Please provide a monthly breakdown of total actual advertising expenditure by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year.

(5) What is the breakdown of total actual advertising expenditure by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year for the following categories of advertising:
   (a) Community awareness?
   (b) Public notice?
   (c) Public information?
   (d) Employment related advertising?
   (e) Non-employment related advertising?

(6) In relation to actual advertising by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year, please provide a list of:
   (a) Each campaign cost?
   (b) Which firms were involved?
   (c) The actual amount spent by the Ministry on advertising agency fees?

(7) Please provide a copy of all campaign advertising plans submitted by the Ministry to the Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2005-06 financial year to date.

(8) What has been the actual total advertising expenditure by the Ministry during the 2005-06 financial year to date?

Please provide a list of all advertising or public information projects currently being undertaken or expected to be undertaken by the Ministry for Science and Medical Research in the course of the 2005-06 financial year where the cost of the project is estimated or contracted to be $10,000 or more indicating:

(1) The purpose and nature of the project.
(2) The intended recipients of the information to be communicated by the project.
(3) Who authorised or is to authorise the project.
(4) The manner in which the project is to be carried out.
(5) Who is to carry out the project.
(6) Whether the project is to be carried out under a contract or contracts.
(7) Whether such contract or contract was or is to be let by tender.
(8) The estimated or contracted cost of the project.
3670 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EFFECTIVENESS TRACKING MECHANISMS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of the advertising and/or public information projects being undertaken during the 2005-06 financial year where the cost of the project is estimated or contracted to be $10,000?

(2) What are the precise benchmarks against which the projects are being assessed?

3671 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) What are all of the research projects currently being undertaken or expected to be undertaken by the Ministry during the 2005-06 financial year?

(2) How many of these research projects are expected to be completed by the end of this financial year?

(3)

(a) What are the specific areas of focus for projects due to be completed in this financial year?

(b) How does this differ from projects undertaken in the previous two financial years (i.e. 2003-04 and 2004-05)?

3672 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL BREAK-INS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many break-ins were there on Ministerial property in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?

(b) 2001-02?

(c) 2002-03?

(d) 2003-04?

(e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:

(a) What was the location and cost of the damage associated with each break-in?

(b) What was the cost of damage incurred to effect the break-in?

(c) What was the subject of theft in each break-in?

(d) What was the cost of any theft associated with each break-in?

(e) Was anyone apprehended and charged in relation to the break-in (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?

(f) Was anyone convicted in relation to the break-in (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?

3673 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL PROPERTY THEFT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many thefts of Ministerial property occurred in each of the following financial years:
For each incident:

(a) What was stolen?
(b) What was the value of the stolen item(s)?
(c) From where were the relevant items stolen?
(d) Was anyone apprehended and charged in relation to the theft (please indicate if the relevant individual(s) was employed by the Ministry)?
(e) Was anyone convicted in relation to the break-in (please indicate if the relevant individual(s) was employed by the Ministry)?
(f) Were any of the items recovered?

For each incident:

(a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance?
(b) What was the value of the fraud?
(c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud?
(d) Was anyone charged in relation to the fraud (please indicate if the relevant individual(s) was employed by the Ministry)?
(e) Was anyone convicted in relation to the fraud (please indicate if the relevant individual(s) was employed by the Ministry)?
(f) Were any of the defrauded items recovered or was any of the defrauded money recovered?

For each incident:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:

(a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance?
(b) What was the value of the fraud?
(c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud?
(d) Was anyone charged in relation to the fraud (please indicate if the relevant individual(s) was employed by the Ministry)?
(e) Was anyone convicted in relation to the fraud (please indicate if the relevant individual(s) was employed by the Ministry)?
(f) Were any of the defrauded items recovered or was any of the defrauded money recovered?

For each incident:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?
3676 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Have there been any desktop computers, laptop computers or any other item of computer hardware lost or stolen from the possession of any staff member of the Ministry during the 2004-05 financial year and the current financial year to date?

(b) If so:
   (i) What and how many have been lost?
   (ii) What and how many have been stolen?
   (iii) What is the total value of these items?
   (iv) What was the replacement value per item?
   (v) Have these items been recovered or replaced?

(2) Were the police requested to investigate any of these incidents?

(b) If so:
   (i) How many were the subject of police investigation?
   (ii) How many police investigations have been concluded?
   (iii) In how many cases has legal action commenced?
   (iv) In how many cases has this action been concluded and with what result?

(3) How many of these lost or stolen items had Ministerial documents, content or information other than operating software on their hard disc drives, floppy disc, CD ROM or any other storage device?

(4) Of these, how many of the documents or files were confidential, classified for security or for limited distribution for any other purpose?

(b) If any, what was the security classification involved and how many have been recovered?

(5) What Ministerial disciplinary or other actions have been taken in regard to the items in Question (1) or in relation to the documents or files in Question (3) or Question (4)?

3677 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many motor vehicle accidents involving Ministerial vehicles (including vehicles leased by the Ministry) were reported to the Ministry in each of the following financial years:

   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:
3678 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL TRANSPORT COSTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) (a) What was the total spend by the department on taxi, limousine and hire car services (including Cabcharge) in the 2004-05 financial year?
(b) What is the amount budgeted for such transportation in the current financial year?
(2) How has expenditure on taxi, limousine and hire car services (including Cabcharge) varied over the last three financial years?
(3) Please provide a breakdown of the aggregate spend by staff on taxi, limousine and hire car services (including Cabcharge) according to their classification as SES (Senior Executive Service), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications.

3679 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL FUNCTION COSTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) What was the total spend by the Ministry on functions (such as staff training, in-services and entertainment related functions) held at external venues (including hotels and public venues) in the 2004-05 financial year?
(2) In relation to each of the functions held by the Ministry at an external venue during the 2004-05 financial year:
   (a) What was the purpose and nature of the function?
   (b) What was the intended audience for the function and the number of people who actually attended the function?
   (c) Who authorised the function?
   (d) Was food or refreshments supplied at the function?
   (e) Were alcoholic beverages served at the function?
   (f) Was the provision of services (venue, catering etc) carried out under a contract or contracts?
   (g) Were such contract or contracts let by tender?
(3) What is the amount budgeted for this purpose (that is, spending by the Ministry on functions such as staff training, in-services and entertainment related functions) in the 2005-06 financial year?
(4) How has expenditure on functions held at external venues varied over the last three financial years?

3680 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CONFERENCE OR TRAINING ATTENDANCE BY MINISTERIAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many fee-paying conferences did staff members of the Ministry attend in the 2004-05 financial year?
(2) In regards to each occasion during the 2004-05 financial year when attendance by a staff member or
staff members at a conference was approved:
   (a) What was the name of the conference and where it was held?
   (b) What was the number, title and name of the employees who attended the conference?
   (c) What was the amount of the conference fees?
   (d) What was the total cost to the Ministry of the attendance at the conference of the staff member
   or members?

(3) How many fee-paying conferences have staff members attended in the 2005-06 financial year to
date?

(4) For each occasion during the 2005-06 financial year to date when attendance by a staff member or
staff members at a conference has been approved:
   (a) What was the name of the conference and where it was/will be held?
   (b) What was the number, title and name of the employees who attended/will attend the conference?
   (c) What was the amount of the conference fees?
   (d) What was the total cost/total estimated cost to the Ministry of the attendance at the conference
   of the staff member or members?

3681 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—BUSINESS
CONSULTATIONS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and
Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister
for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many business consultations and/or information sessions directed to the business and farming
community does the Ministry conduct each year?

(2) What industries does the Ministry consult?

(3) What specific business sectors and/or industries does the Ministry, as a matter of course, seek input
on policy and legislative initiatives?

(4) Are any consultations made outside the Sydney Metropolitan area?

3682 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—REGIONAL N S W PRINT
ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and
Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister
for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial in the print media in regional New South Wales in
each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) What is the name of the publication used in each instance, the subject matter of the advertising or
advertorial concerned and the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each publication in
each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or
advertorial in the print media in regional New South Wales?
3683 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—REGIONAL N S W RADIO ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial on radio in regional New South Wales in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) In each instance which radio station was used, what was the subject matter of the advertising or advertorial concerned and what was the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial at each radio station in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial on radio in regional New South Wales?

3684 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL PROCEDURE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) When did the Ministry last update its policies and/or procedures for dealing with Freedom of Information applications received by the department?

(2) Who has responsibility within the Ministry for dealing with Freedom of Information applications received by the Ministry?

(3) What are the policies and/or procedures followed within the Ministry for dealing with Freedom of Information applications received from the public?

(4) What is the step-by-step process (giving details of the consultation between members of Ministerial staff and external agencies, where applicable) that, in practice, is followed by the Ministry upon receipt of a Freedom of Information application received from the members and staff of the NSW Opposition?

(5) Has the Ministry sought to ascertain whether the staff member or staff members tasked with dealing with Freedom of Information applications received by the Ministry is or has previously been a member of any political party/organisation?

3685 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SICK LEAVE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) In each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, did any Ministerial staff members make sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application?
(2) In each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, how many sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application were made by staff of the Ministry?

(3) How has that number (that is, the number sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for the leave sought) varied over the last four financial years?

(4) In each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, how many Ministerial staff members took sick leave relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application where the period of sick leave was:
   (a) Less than one month?
   (b) Greater than one month but less than three months?
   (c) Greater than three months but less than six months?
   (d) Greater than six months but less than 12 months?
   (e) Greater than 12 months?

(5) For each occasion during the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years when a staff member has been granted sick leave relating to workers compensation where stress was an element or reason for the sick leave application:
   (a) What was the total cost, in terms of wages etc, of the leave taken by the employee?
   (b) What was the total amount of leave taken by the employee in terms of full-time equivalent days?

(6) In the 2005-06 financial year to date, have any Ministerial staff members made sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application?

(7) In the 2005-06 financial year to date, how many sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application were made by staff of the Ministry?

(8) In the 2005-06 financial year to date, how many Ministerial staff members have taken sick leave relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application where the period of sick leave was:
   (a) Less than one month?
   (b) Greater than one month but less than three months?
   (c) Greater than three months but less than six months?
   (d) Greater than six months but less than 12 months?
   (e) Greater than 12 months?

(9) Please provide the following information concerning each occasion during the 2005-06 financial year to date when a staff member has been granted sick leave relating to a workers compensation where stress was an element or reason for the sick leave application:
   (a) The total cost or cost to date, in terms of wages etc, of the leave taken by the employee.
   (b) The total amount of sick leave or the amount of sick leave taken to date by the employee in terms of full-time equivalent days.

3686 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—FEES AND FINES LEVIED—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1)  
   (a) Does the Ministry administer any acts, regulations, or statutory rules involving the levying of fees, fines or charges?
   (b) If so, what are the names of these acts, regulations or statutory rules?

(2) What fees, fines or charges were levied by the Ministry pursuant to its administration of any acts, regulations or statutory rules, including:
(a) The name of each fee, fine or charge?
(b) The purpose of the relevant fee, fine or charge?
(c) The total amount of revenue raised by the levying of the relevant fee, fine or charge in the 2004-05 financial year?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—FEES AND FINES LEVIED—CURRENT LEVELS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Which fees, fines or charges levied by the Ministry pursuant to its administration of the acts, regulations or statutory rules are determined by:

(a) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal?
(b) Statutory regulation?

(2)

(a) What is the current level of each fee, fine or charge determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal and levied by the Ministry?
(b) How has this level varied over the last four financial years?

(3)

(a) What is the current level of each fee, fine or charge determined by statutory regulation and levied by the Ministry?
(b) How has this level varied over the last four financial years?

(4) Of the fees, fines or charges levied by the Ministry which have had their level varied over the last three financial years (whether the level was determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal or statutory regulation), has the level of any fee, fine or charge increased at a rate greater than the consumer price index (CPI)?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COMPENSATION FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive compensation for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many claims for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property were made by Ministerial personnel during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of claims for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property made by Ministerial personnel during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number and total value of claims for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property made by Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(5) For each claim for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment made by Ministerial staff in the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date:

(a) What was the item of personal property in respect of which the claim was made?
(b) What was the nature of the loss or damage to the item of personal property which the staff member claimed?
(c) What was the amount of the compensation claimed for loss or damage to the item of personal property by the staff member?
(d) Were any claims lodged under the Injury Management and Worker's Compensation Act 1998 and/or under any insurance policy of the Ministry covering the damage to or loss of personal property of the employee and whether the relevant claim was accepted or rejected by the insurer?
(e) If the claim was rejected by the insurer, was the compensation paid to the employee the amount necessary to repair the item or an amount for replacement of the item?
3690 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COST OF TRAVEL—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive assistance for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many applications for assistance to Ministerial personnel for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 were made by Ministerial staff during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of assistance provided to Ministerial staff for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of assistance and the total value of assistance provided to Ministerial staff for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 varied over the last three financial years?

3691 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—FIRST AID ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive a first aid allowance under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial staff received a first aid allowance under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of the first aid allowance provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of first aid allowances provided to
Ministerial staff varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Of the Ministry's personnel receiving first aid allowances provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6, how many has the Ministry funded in whole or in part in order to receive training for appointment as a First Aid Officer?

3692 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—FLYING ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive an allowance when required to work in flight under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 47 Flying Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many members of Ministry personnel received an allowance when required to work in flight under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 47 Flying Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of allowances provided to Ministry personnel required to work in flight under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 47 Flying Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How have the number of times a flying allowance was paid and the total value of allowances provided to Ministerial staff varied over the last four financial years?

3693 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MOBILE PHONE USE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many employees/staff carry or use Ministry mobile telephones?

(2) What was the total amount of expenditure by staff on calls and charges involving the Ministry's mobile telephones in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) Please provide an analysis by classification and seniority level of staff issued with mobile telephones by the department and the amount spent by the Ministry on mobile telephone handsets, call charges and other usage fees according to the staff members classification and seniority level in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04.
   (b) 2004-05.
With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing and maintaining a Ministerial website in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
   (f) 2005-06?

(2) How much did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing and maintaining a Ministerial website in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
   (f) 2005-06?

(3) How much has the Ministry actually spent developing and maintaining the Ministerial website in the 2005-06 financial year to date?

(4) How many times was the Ministerial website updated in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Who has responsibility within the Ministry for dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services which are received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal?

(2)
   (a) Does the Ministry have a designated unit or feedback desk responsible for dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal?
   (b) If so, what is the name of this unit within the Ministry and how many staff members are employed to fulfil this function?

(3) Does the Ministry have any policies and/or procedures for dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the department via the Ministerial web portal? If so, please provide the details of each.

(4) How much did the Ministry budget for costs associated with dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal in each of the following financial years:
(5) How much has the Ministry actually spent dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial website in the 2005-06 financial year to date?

3696 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL WEBSITE—EFFECTIVENESS TRACKING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of information delivery to the public via the Ministerial website?

(2)

(a) What are the precise benchmarks against which the modifications to the Ministry website are assessed?

(b) How often is such assessment conducted in each financial year?

3697 BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL WEBSITE—FEEDBACK—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Does the Ministry website contain a section where it invites comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services?

(2) How many emails were received by Ministry from the public via the Ministry's website during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?

(b) 2004-05?

(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) Of the emails received by the Ministry from the public via the Ministry's website during each of the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date, what is the breakdown by year and month of the number of emails which could be classified as:

(a) Complaints about the Ministerial website?

(b) Complaints about delivery of Ministerial services?

(c) Requests for further information about the Ministry and its services?

(d) Miscellaneous communications?

(4) Of the emails received by the Ministry from the public via the Ministry's website which could be characterised as complaints about the Ministerial website or complaints about delivery of Ministerial services, how many of the email complainants made in each of the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date received:

(a) A computer generated response to the email indicating that it had been received by the Ministry?

(b) A personalised email from a Ministerial staff member to seek further information or identify a possible remedy for the complaint?

(c) A telephone call from a Ministerial staff member to seek further information or identify a possible remedy for the complaint?
BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—GARAGE AND CARPORT ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff members receive a car space allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received a car space under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of the garage and carport allowances provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and the total value of car space allowances provided to Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Of the Ministry's personnel receiving garage and carport allowances provided under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance what was the total amount paid to employees for the garaging of Ministerial vehicles while the employee's were absent from their usual place of work during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIR TRAVEL—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive an allowance for use of a private motor vehicle in conjunction with air travel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 37 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received an allowance for use of a private motor vehicle in conjunction with air travel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 37 and what was the aggregate amount of allowance paid to staff in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) How has the number of Ministerial personnel in receipt of and total value of allowances paid for use of a private motor vehicle in conjunction with air travel varied over the last four financial years?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—OVERSEAS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive an overseas travelling allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many members of Ministerial personnel received an overseas travelling allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of overseas travelling allowances (please include spend on daily meal and incidental allowances) provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) What was the duration of the overseas travel (please indicate duration in terms of months and days overseas in each instance) taken by each staff member who received an overseas travel allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars in each of:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(5) In addition to overseas travel allowances provided to Ministerial personnel, what was the total value of payments met separately by the Ministry in respect of overseas travel by Ministerial personnel (see NSW Premiers Department Personnel Handbook March 2003, Chapter 7-13.5 in version of handbook updated December 2004) during the following financial years:

(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(6) How has the number of times an overseas travel allowance was paid and the total value of overseas travel allowances provided to Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(7) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on overseas travel allowances.
With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive travelling compensation under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many members of Ministerial personnel received travelling compensation under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of travelling compensation (please include spend on accommodation and related allowances, meal and incidental allowances and any adjustments to these which may have been approved) provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) What was the average duration of travel undertaken by staff members to whom the Ministry paid travelling compensation under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(5) How has the number of times travelling compensation was paid and the Ministry total spend on travel compensation (including associated spend by the Ministry on staff travel) varied over the last four financial years?

(6) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry’s aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on travelling compensation.

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive an allowance for living in a remote area pursuant to the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 4 and/or Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 40 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received an allowance for living in a remote area and what was the aggregate amount of such allowance paid to staff in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

3 What was the aggregate amount of allowance paid to Ministerial staff living in a remote area in respect of travel on recreation leave (see NSW Premiers Department Personnel Handbook March 2003, Chapter 7 to 14.5 in version of handbook updated December 2004) in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

4 What was the aggregate amount of dependant allowance paid to Ministerial staff living in a remote area (see 'NSW Premiers Department Personnel Handbook March 2003', Chapter 7 to 14.2 and 14.3 in version of handbook updated December 2004) in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

5 How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of dependant allowances paid to Ministerial staff living in a remote area varied over the last four financial years?

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3703 BUDGET ESTIMATES—SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HOME OFFICE ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

1 Did any Ministerial staff receive an allowance for the use of a room at home as an office under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 44 Room at Home Used as an Office during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

2 How many Ministerial staff received an allowance for the use of a room at home as an office under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 44 Room at Home Used as an Office during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

3 What was the total value of the home office allowances provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 44 Room at Home Used as an Office during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

4 How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of home office allowances provided to Ministerial staff varied over the last four financial years?

5 Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on home office allowances.
BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SEMI-OFFICIAL TELEPHONE SUBSIDY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive a subsidy in respect of their private telephone service at their principal place of residence under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 45 Semi-official Telephones during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received a subsidy in respect of their private telephone service at their principal place of residence under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 45 Semi-official Telephones during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of semi-official telephone subsidies (including subsidies for telephone installation, line connection and rental, call costs) provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 45 Semi-official Telephones during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of semi-official telephone subsidies provided to Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on semi-official telephone subsidies.

BUDGET ESTIMATES— SCIENCE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL STAFF MANAGEMENT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With respect to the Ministry for Science and Medical Research:

(1) How many staff resigned in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) How does that number compare with the preceding financial year?

(2) How many staff were recruited in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) How does that number compare with the preceding financial year?

(3) (a) How many staff have resigned in the 2005-06 financial year to date?
    (b) How many staff have been recruited in the same period?

BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL FLEET VEHICLES—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) How many cars are leased by Government Finance Entity and/or State Fleet and provided to the Ministry and/or Ministerial staff?

(2) How many new cars will be purchased or leased in the 2005-06 financial year under the arrangement described in Question (1)? Please provide details of the make, size and horsepower of the cars acquired in the 2005-06 financial year to date.

(3) How many new cars were purchased or leased in the 2004-05 financial year? Please provide details of the make, size and horsepower of the cars acquired in the 2004-05 financial year.

(4) How many of these cars are fuelled by:
   (a) Liquid petroleum gas (LPG)?
   (b) Compressed natural gas (CNG)?
   (c) Petrol?

(5) (a) Does the Ministry use its own LPG or CNG refuelling stations?
    (b) If so, how many are there of these?

(6) (a) Does the Ministry have a policy or strategy to reduce the fuel consumption of its car fleet?
    (b) If so, can details be provided?

(7) What is the fuel efficiency rating of each of the cars provided to the Ministry and/or Ministerial staff under the arrangement described in Question (6)(a) above?

(8) How does the actual fuel consumption and mileage compare with that rating for each of these cars?

(9) Statewide, what operating savings would have been achieved for the 2004-05 financial year if all cars provided to the Ministry and/or Ministerial staff were run on:
    (a) LPG?
    (b) CNG?

3707 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—DIVERSITY REPORTING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did the Ministry include in its annual report a report on outcomes achieved for clients from multicultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds for each of the following financial years:
    (a) 2000-01?
    (b) 2001-02?
    (c) 2002-03?
    (d) 2003-04?
    (e) 2004-05?

(2) If not, did the Ministry otherwise publish a report on outcomes achieved for clients from multicultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds for each of the following financial years:
    (a) 2000-01?
    (b) 2001-02?
    (c) 2002-03?
    (d) 2003-04?
    (e) 2004-05?

3708 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—DIVERSITY COSTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing culturally responsive and accessible
services for each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) If so, how much did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing culturally responsive
   and accessible services in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) How much did the Ministry budget for this purpose for the 2005-06 financial year?

3709 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—PUBLIC INFORMATION—Miss Gardiner to ask the
Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister
for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Please provide a current list of each public/community publication in which the Ministry publishes
material in English as at today's date or, if this information is unavailable, the last date for which the
respective publications were available.

(2) For each of the public/community publications published in English by the Ministry:
   (a) Which of these publications is published in languages other than English and what are the
      languages in which the publications are issued?
   (b) How many copies were printed?
   (c) What was the total cost of the publication (including translation, printing and distribution) of
      each of these documents?

3710 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—STAFF WITH NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING
BACKGROUNDS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy
Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) What efforts has the Ministry made to identify employees from non-English speaking backgrounds
   and the languages in which they are fluent?

(2) What proportion of the Ministry's personnel have a non-English speaking background?

(3) For each language other than English, how many Ministry employees were identified as being:
   (a) Fluent in the respective language?
   (b) Proficient in the respective language?

(4) Of the Ministry's personnel with skills in languages other than English:
   (a) How many possessed accredited language skills to either translator or interpreter standard?
   (b) For each language, how many were identified as having accreditation as a translator and what
       was their respective level of accreditation?
   (c) For each language, how many were identified as having accreditation as an interpreter and what
       was their respective level of accreditation?

(5) Of the Ministry's personnel possessing accredited language skills to either translator or interpreter
standard, how many has the Ministry funded in whole or in part in order to achieve that level of
proficiency?
Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff members receive an allowance under the Community Allowance Scheme in the 2003-04 financial year?

(2) If so, how many received:
   (a) The base level of allowance?
   (b) The higher level of allowance?

Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How much did the Ministry spend engaging language translators in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) How much was spent engaging language interpreters in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for engaging:
   (a) Language translators?
   (b) Language interpreters?

(4) For each language in which a translator was engaged, how many engagements occurred in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(5) For each language in which an interpreter was engaged, how many engagements occurred in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(6) What was the total cost (broken down according to language) of the engagement of translators in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(7) What was the total cost (broken down according to language) of the engagement of interpreters in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

3713 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—PRINT ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial in the ethnic print media in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(2) What are the details of the name of the publication used in each instance, the language in which it is printed, the average circulation achieved by the publication and the Ministry's total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each publication in each of the following years:
(a) 2000-01.
(b) 2001-02.
(c) 2002-03.
(d) 2003-04.
(e) 2004-05.

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial in the ethnic print media?

3714 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—RADIO ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial on ethnic radio in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(2) Please provide details of which radio station was used in each instance, the language in which it is broadcast and the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each language at each radio station in each of the following financial years:
(a) 2000-01.
(b) 2001-02.
(c) 2002-03.
(d) 2003-04.
(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial on ethnic radio?

3715 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—INTERMEDIARY SERVICE PROVIDERS EXPENDITURE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How much was spent on the services of an intermediary service provider, such as another level of government or a non-government organisation, for delivery of the Ministry's programs or services in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) Please provide details of which intermediary service provider was used in each instance and the nature of the services provided in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01.
   (b) 2001-02.
   (c) 2002-03.
   (d) 2003-04.
   (e) 2004-05.

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on the services of an intermediary service provider, such as another level of government or a non-government organisation, for delivery of the Ministry's programs or services?

3716 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—INTERMEDIARY SERVICE PROVIDERS ACCOUNTABILITY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many Ministry programs or services were delivered using an intermediary service provider, such as another level of government or a non-government organisation, in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) Did contracts with intermediary service providers used for delivering the Ministry programs or services identified above specify access and equity accountabilities (for example, collection and reporting of information on client characteristics) as part of their funding conditions?

(3)
   (a) If so, for each was the condition a standard clause?
   (b) If so, can the Ministry supply a copy of the standard clause used in the contracts?

(4) If the Ministry did not use a standard clause in these contracts, what were the various conditions used in its service contracts with intermediary service providers used for delivering the Ministry's programs or services? Please provide a copy of each.

(5)
(a) Does the Ministry audit its contracts with intermediary service providers used for delivering the Ministry's programs or services to ensure compliance with any funding conditions specifying access and equity accountabilities (standard clauses or otherwise)?
(b) If so, please supply details of the results of these audits.

3717 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS ENGAGED—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) In regard to those occasions during the 2004-05 financial year when the need for a contractor was established within the Ministry thereby necessitating the engagement of a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute any project or task:
(a) What was the name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged in each instance?
(b) What was the project or task the contractor or contractors were engaged to perform in each instance?
(c) What was the actual amount paid to the contractor or contractors in each instance indicating where relevant the extent to which this amount exceeded the projected cost for the contract?

(2) In regard to those occasions during the 2005-06 financial year to date when the need for a contractor has been established within the Ministry thereby necessitating the engagement of a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute any project or task:
(a) What was the name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged in each instance?
(b) What was the project or task the contractor or contractors were engaged to perform in each instance?
(c) What was the actual amount paid to the contractor or contractors in each instance?

3718 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—COST FORECASTING OF CONTRACTORS ENGAGED—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) During the 2004-05 financial year, was a cost-benefit analysis prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors in every instance?
(2) In every instance during the 2004-05 financial year when a cost-benefit analysis was prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors, what was:
(a) The estimated or forecast cost of engaging a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute the relevant project or task and a description of the project or task involved?
(b) The name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged to undertake and/or execute the project or task and whether the work performed by the contractor or contractors met the objectives and milestones specific to the project within the agreed budget and time-frame?
(c) The extent to which the amount the contractor or contractors received exceeded the agreed budget and time frame and/or any estimated or forecast cost in the cost benefit analysis prepared by the Ministry?
(3) During the 2005-06 financial year, has a cost-benefit analysis been prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors in every instance?
(4) In every instance during the 2005-06 financial year to date when a cost-benefit analysis has been prepared within the Ministry prior to making a decision to engage a contractor or contractors, what was:
(a) The estimated or forecast cost of engaging a contractor or contractors to undertake and/or execute the relevant project or task and a description of the project or task involved?
(b) The name or names of the contractor or contractors engaged to undertake and/or execute the project or task and whether the work performed by the contractor or contractors has met the objectives and milestones specific to the project within the agreed budget and time-frame?
(c) The extent to which the amount the contractor or contractors received exceeded the agreed budget and time frame and/or any estimated or forecast cost in the cost benefit analysis prepared by the Ministry?

3719 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—CREDIT CARD USE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many employees/staff carry or use Ministry credit cards?

(2) What was the total amount of expenditure by staff on credit cards used within the Ministry in each of the following years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) For staff issued with a credit card what was their:
   (a) Classification?
   (b) Seniority level?
   (c) Credit limit on those credit cards?

(4) How much interest and fees were paid by the Ministry in respect of the credit cards used within the Ministry in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(5) Please provide a breakdown of the amount spent by the Ministry staff using credit cards for:
   (a) Reimbursement of meals and food related expenses.
   (b) Reimbursement of accommodation expenses.
   (c) Reimbursement of taxi and hire car expenses.

3720 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport, please provide data on the number of staff in the Ministry in each salary band?

3721 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many Ministerial staff does the Ministry provide?

(2) To what Minister or Parliamentary Secretary are they assigned?

(3) What was the total cost of providing/assigning Ministerial staff to any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(4) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for providing/assigning Ministerial staff to any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary?

3722 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTER—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Does the Ministry have a staff member or staff members whose duties involve coordinating and processing correspondence, briefings, Freedom of Information requests, reports to Parliament, answers to Questions on Notice, Estimates briefings and other matters necessary to support the Minister and agency Head in communicating with, and being accountable to, the people of New South Wales?

(2) (a) Are the staff members performing the duties described in Question (1) located in a particular unit, section or area of the Ministry?
(b) If so, which?
(c) If so, do staff members working within that unit, section or area of the Ministry advise the Minister, or prepare briefings for the Minister, as part of their duties?
   (i) If so, to whom do these particular staff members report?

(3) How many Ministry staff are:
   (a) Responsible for performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?

(4) What are the job titles of the staff members:
   (a) Performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?

(5) What was the total cost in the 2004-05 financial year of Ministry staff:
   (a) Responsible for performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?

(6) How much has been budgeted by the Ministry in the 2005-06 financial year to cover the cost of staff:
   (a) Responsible for performing the duties described in Question (1)?
   (b) Working within the unit, section or area of the Ministry whose designation is provided in answer to Question (2)?

3723 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL ORGANISATION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Please provide a copy of the information submitted by the Ministry to the Workforce Profile team of the NSW Premier's Department in connection with the preparation of the 2004 Workforce Profile Collection.

(2) Please provide a copy of information and workforce statistics compiled within the Ministry in connection with the preparation of the document entitled Overview Report for the NSW Public Sector Workforce Profile 2004 issued by the Public Employment Office of the NSW Premier's Department.

(3) Does the Ministry have any organisational plans or charts (for internal or external distribution) which show channels of communication, lines of responsibility or distribution of duties:
(a) Between units/sections/areas of the Ministry?
(b) Within units/sections/areas of the Ministry?
(c) Between individual staff members of the Ministry?

(4) Please provide a copy of any organisational plans or charts compiled within the Ministry in connection with the preparation of the document entitled Overview Report for the NSW Public Sector Workforce Profile 2004 issued by the Public Employment Office of the NSW Premier's Department.

(5) Please provide a copy of all organisational plans or charts currently in distribution (internal or external distribution) which show channels of communication, lines of responsibility or distribution of duties:
   (a) Between units/sections/areas of the Ministry.
   (b) Within units/sections/areas of the Ministry.
   (c) Between individual staff members of the Ministry.

3724 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How much was spent by the Ministry on professional development for senior staff in the 2004-05 financial year?

(2) How has that expenditure varied over the last three financial years?

(3) Please provide a breakdown of the aggregate spend on professional development of senior staff over the last three years according to their classification as Senior Executive Service (SES) or Senior Officers other than SES.

(4) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year to be spent on professional development of senior staff?

3725 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1)
   (a) What was the total spend by the Ministry on both in-house and external job-related training for staff (please include training days, in-service training) in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) What is the amount budgeted for this training in the current financial year?

(2)
   (a) How many work hours did Ministry staff spend on both in-house and external job-related training for staff (please include training days, in-service training etc) in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) How many hours of staff training is it envisaged staff will undertake in the current financial year?

(3) How has expenditure on staff training varied over the last three financial years?

(4)
   (a) What are the specific areas of focus for staff training due to be undertaken in this financial year?
   (b) How does this differ from training programs undertaken in the previous two financial years (i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05)?

(5) Please provide a breakdown of the aggregate spend on in-house and external job-related training for staff over the last three years according to their classification and/or level.
3726 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—WORK PRACTICES—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Has the Ministry implemented any new policies or practices to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities during the 2004-05 financial year and the financial year to date?
   (b) If so, what?

(2) Does the Ministry have any benchmarks against which it assesses the efficacy of new policies or practices introduced by it to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities?
   (b) If so, what are those precise benchmarks?

(3) If the Ministry has implemented any new policies or practices to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities during the last four financial years:
   (a) Has it sought employee feedback to evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives?
   (b) Has there been any cost-benefit analysis performed to assess the effectiveness of such initiatives?
   (ii) If so, what did the analysis indicate?

3727 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many people with a disability are employed by the Ministry in each New South Wales electoral division?

(2) Please provide an overview of the Ministry's disabled workforce such as their employment status (permanent, casual, temporary), average remuneration rate by gender, age, gender and occupational group.

3728 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—EMPLOYMENT OF MATURE AGE STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) In light of recent discussion in the community about increasing workplace participation of older workers, with respect to the Ministry what is the total number of:
   (a) Male staff aged over 65 years?
   (b) Female staff aged over 60 years?

(2) How many men over 65 years and women over 60 years does the Ministry in each New South Wales electoral division employ?

(3) Please provide an overview of the Ministry workforce older than retirement age such as their employment status (permanent, casual, temporary), average remuneration rate by gender, age, gender and occupational group.

(4) What policies are in place within the Ministry to encourage employment of staff older than retirement age?

3729 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAMS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) Does the Ministry administer any State funded programs for which community organisations or businesses can apply for funding?
   (b) If so, what are these programs?

(2) Does the Ministry advertise these funding opportunities?

(3) For each of these programs please provide a breakdown of the following by electoral division and year (that is, for each of 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date):
   (a) The name and postal address of each organisation that sought funding from the State,
   (b) The purpose of the funding sought in each case,
   (c) For successful applications, the level of funding provided.

3730 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TREASURER—UNFILLED PUBLIC SERVICE POSITIONS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Citizenship—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) How many Ministerial full time equivalent staff positions in non-urban areas are currently unfilled?

(2) Please provide a breakdown of these unfilled positions by staff classification:
   (a) Corporate Administration staff?
   (b) Maintenance and Trades?
   (c) Other?

(3) How many permanent, temporary and casual vacancies within the Ministry were filled by using the services of employment and placement agencies or companies?

(4) Which employment and placement agencies were used by the Ministry during the 2003-04 financial year?

(5) What was the cost to the Ministry of the services of employment and placement agencies used during the 2003-04 financial year?

(6) Which employment and placement agencies have received payments from the Ministry for the placement of staff during the current financial year?

(7) Which employment and placement agencies have received payments from the Ministry for temporary or contract staff during:
   (a) The 2005-06 financial year to date?
   (b) The 2003-04 financial year?

(8) What payments were made to temporary employment agencies/temporary contractors during the 2003-04 financial year according to the following qualification/staff classification:
   (a) Corporate Administration staff?
   (b) Maintenance and Trades?
   (c) Other?

3731 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—PROCUREMENT POLICY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) When did the Ministry last update its procurement policy documentation?

(2) What mechanisms does the Ministry have in place to ensure its procurement guidelines reflect current policy in relation to government contracting?

3732 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—
With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many media and/or communications advisers were employed by the Director General of the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 during the 2004-05 financial year?

(2) What was the total cost to the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed by the Director General of the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002?

(3) How many media and/or communications advisers are currently employed by the Director General of the Ministry?

(4) What is the estimated total cost to the Ministry in the 2005-06 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed by the Director General of the Ministry?

(5) How many media and/or communications advisers were employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry during the 2004-05 financial year?

(6) What was the total cost to the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry?

(7) How many media and/or communications advisers are currently employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry?

(8) What is the estimated total cost to the Ministry in the 2005-06 financial year of media and/or communications advisers employed as contractors by the Director General of the Ministry?

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did the Ministry submit any campaign advertising plans to the Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2004-05 financial year?
   (a) If so, is a copy of all the campaign advertising plans submitted by the Ministry to the Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2004-05 financial year publicly available?

(2) What was the total actual advertising expenditure by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year?

(3) How has the total advertising expenditure by the Ministry varied over the last three financial years?

(4) Please provide a monthly breakdown of total actual advertising expenditure by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year.

(5) What is the breakdown of total actual advertising expenditure by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year for the following categories of advertising:
   (a) Community awareness?
   (b) Public notice?
   (c) Public information?
   (d) Employment related advertising?
   (e) Non-employment related advertising?

(6) In relation to actual advertising by the Ministry in the 2004-05 financial year, please provide a list of:
   (a) Each campaign cost?
   (b) Which firms were involved?
   (c) The actual amount spent by the Ministry on advertising agency fees?

(7) Please provide a copy of all campaign advertising plans submitted by the Ministry to the Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2005-06 financial year to date.

(8) What has been the actual total advertising expenditure by the Ministry during the 2005-06 financial year to date?
Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

Please provide a list of all advertising or public information projects currently being undertaken or expected to be undertaken by the Ministry of Transport in the course of the 2005-06 financial year where the cost of the project is estimated or contracted to be $10,000 or more indicating:

(1) The purpose and nature of the project.
(2) The intended recipients of the information to be communicated by the project.
(3) Who authorised or is to authorise the project.
(4) The manner in which the project is to be carried out.
(5) Who is to carry out the project.
(6) Whether the project is to be carried out under a contract or contracts.
(7) Whether such contract or contract was or is to be let by tender.
(8) The estimated or contracted cost of the project.

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of the advertising and/or public information projects being undertaken during the 2005-06 financial year where the cost of the project is estimated or contracted to be $10,000?
(2) What are the precise benchmarks against which the projects are being assessed?

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) What are all of the research projects currently being undertaken or expected to be undertaken by the Ministry during the 2005-06 financial year?
(2) How many of these research projects are expected to be completed by the end of this financial year?
(3)
   (a) What are the specific areas of focus for projects due to be completed in this financial year?
   (b) How does this differ from projects undertaken in the previous two financial years (i.e. 2003-04 and 2004-05)?

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many break-ins were there on Ministerial property in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
(2) For each incident:
   (a) What was the location and cost of the damage associated with each break-in?
   (b) What was the cost of damage incurred to effect the break-in?
(c) What was the subject of theft in each break-in?
(d) What was the cost of any theft associated with each break-in?
(e) Was anyone apprehended and charged in relation to the break-in (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?
(f) Was anyone convicted in relation to the break-in (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?

3738 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL PROPERTY THEFT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many thefts of Ministerial property occurred in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:
   (a) What was stolen?
   (b) What was the value of the stolen item/s?
   (c) From where were the relevant items stolen?
   (d) Was anyone apprehended and charged in relation to the theft (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?
   (e) Was anyone convicted in relation to the break-in (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?
   (f) Were any of the items recovered?

3739 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL FRAUD—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many incidents of fraud were detected against the department in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:
   (a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance?
   (b) What was the value of the fraud?
   (c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud?
   (d) Was anyone charged in relation to the fraud (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?
   (e) Was anyone convicted in relation to the fraud (please indicate if the relevant individual/s was employed by the Ministry)?
   (f) Were any of the defrauded items recovered or was any of the defrauded money recovered?
3740  BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL PROPERTY LOSS—Miss Gardiner to ask the
Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and
Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many incidents of loss (excluding theft, accident, breakage and vandalism) of Ministerial
property were reported to the Ministry in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:
   (a) What was the loss in each instance?
   (b) What was the value of the loss?
   (c) Which administrative unit lost the property?
   (d) Were any of the lost item/s recovered?
   (e) Was anyone disciplined over the loss?

3741  BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY—Miss
Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for
Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Have there been any desktop computers, laptop computers or any other item of computer
hardware lost or stolen from the possession of any staff member of the Ministry during the
2004-05 financial year and the current financial year to date?
   (b) If so:
      (i) What and how many have been lost?
      (ii) What and how many have been stolen?
      (iii) What is the total value of these items?
      (iv) What was the replacement value per item?
      (v) Have these items been recovered or replaced?

(2) Were the police requested to investigate any of these incidents?
   (b) If so:
      (i) How many were the subject of police investigation?
      (ii) How many police investigations have been concluded?
      (iii) In how many cases has legal action commenced?
      (iv) In how many cases has this action been concluded and with what result?

(3) How many of these lost or stolen items had Ministerial documents, content or information other than
operating software on their hard disc drives, floppy disc, CD Rom or any other storage device?

(4) Of these, how many of the documents or files were confidential, classified for security or for
limited distribution for any other purpose?
   (b) If any, what was the security classification involved and how many have been recovered?

(5) What Ministerial disciplinary or other actions have been taken in regard to the items in Question (1)
or in relation to the documents or files in Question (3) or Question (4)?
3742 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many motor vehicle accidents involving Ministerial vehicles (including vehicles leased by the Ministry) were reported to the Ministry in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(2) For each incident:
   (a) What was the value of the damage?
   (b) To which administrative unit was the vehicle attached?
   (c) 
      (i) Was anyone charged over the incident?
      (ii) If so, what were the charges?

3743 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL TRANSPORT COSTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) What was the total spend by the Ministry on taxi, limousine and hire car services (including Cabcharge) in the 2004-05 financial year?
   (b) What is the amount budgeted for such transportation in the current financial year?

(2) How has expenditure on taxi, limousine and hire car services (including Cabcharge) varied over the last three financial years?

(3) Please provide a breakdown of the aggregate spend by staff on taxi, limousine and hire car services (including Cabcharge) according to their classification as SES (Senior Executive Service), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications.

3744 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL FUNCTION COSTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) What was the total spend by the Ministry on functions (such as staff training, in-services and entertainment related functions) held at external venues (including hotels and public venues) in the 2004-05 financial year?

(2) In relation to each of the functions held by the Ministry at an external venue during the 2004-05 financial year:
   (a) What was the purpose and nature of the function?
   (b) What was the intended audience for the function and the number of people who actually attended the function?
   (c) Who authorised the function?
   (d) Was food or refreshments supplied at the function?
   (e) Were alcoholic beverages served at the function?
   (f) Was the provision of services (venue, catering etc) carried out under a contract or contracts?
   (g) Were such contract or contracts let by tender?

(3) What is the amount budgeted for this purpose (that is, spending by the Ministry on functions such as
staff training, in-services and entertainment related functions) in the 2005-06 financial year?

(4) How has expenditure on functions held at external venues varied over the last three financial years?

3745 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—CONFERENCE OR TRAINING ATTENDANCE BY DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many fee-paying conferences did staff members of the Ministry attend in the 2004-05 financial year?

(2) In regards to each occasion during the 2004-05 financial year when attendance by a staff member or staff members at a conference was approved:
   (a) What was the name of the conference and where it was held?
   (b) What was the number, title and name of the employees who attended the conference?
   (c) What was the amount of the conference fees?
   (d) What was the total cost to the Ministry of the attendance at the conference of the staff member or members?

(3) How many fee-paying conferences have staff members attended in the 2005-06 financial year to date?

(4) For each occasion during the 2005-06 financial year to date when attendance by a staff member or staff members at a conference has been approved:
   (a) What was the name of the conference and where it was/will be held?
   (b) What was the number, title and name of the employees who attended/will attend the conference?
   (c) What was the amount of the conference fees?
   (d) What was the total cost/total estimated cost to the Ministry of the attendance at the conference of the staff member or members?

3746 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many business consultations and/or information sessions directed to the business and farming community does the Ministry conduct each year?

(2) What industries does the Ministry consult?

(3) What specific business sectors and/or industries does the Ministry, as a matter of course, seek input on policy and legislative initiatives?

(4) Are any consultations made outside the Sydney Metropolitan area?

3747 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—REGIONAL N S W PRINT ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial in the print media in regional New South Wales in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
(2) What is the name of the publication used in each instance, the subject matter of the advertising or advertorial concerned and the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each publication in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial in the print media in regional New South Wales?

3748 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—REGIONAL N S W RADIO ADVERTISING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How much was spent on advertising or advertorial on radio in regional New South Wales in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(2) In each instance which radio station was used, what was the subject matter of the advertising or advertorial concerned and what was the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial at each radio station in each of the following financial years:

(a) 2000-01?
(b) 2001-02?
(c) 2002-03?
(d) 2003-04?
(e) 2004-05?

(3) What is the amount budgeted in the 2005-06 financial year for expenditure on advertising or advertorial on radio in regional New South Wales?

3749 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL PROCEDURE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) When did the Ministry last update its policies and/or procedures for dealing with Freedom of Information applications received by the department?

(2) Who has responsibility within the Ministry for dealing with Freedom of Information applications received by the Ministry?

(3) What are the policies and/or procedures followed within the Ministry for dealing with Freedom of Information applications received from the public?

(4) What is the step-by-step process (giving details of the consultation between members of Ministerial staff and external agencies, where applicable) that, in practice, is followed by the Ministry upon receipt of a Freedom of Information application received from the members and staff of the NSW Opposition?

(5) Has the Ministry sought to ascertain whether the staff member or staff members tasked with dealing with Freedom of Information applications received by the Ministry is or has previously been a member of any political party/organisation?
BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—SICK LEAVE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

1. In each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, did any Ministerial staff members make sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application?

2. In each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, how many sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application were made by staff of the Ministry?

3. How has that number (that is, the number sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for the leave sought) varied over the last four financial years?

4. In each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years, how many Ministerial staff members took sick leave relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application where the period of sick leave was:
   a. Less than one month?
   b. Greater than one month but less than three months?
   c. Greater than three months but less than six months?
   d. Greater than six months but less than 12 months?
   e. Greater than 12 months?

5. For each occasion during the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years when a staff member has been granted sick leave relating to workers compensation where stress was an element or reason for the sick leave application:
   a. What was the total cost, in terms of wages etc, of the leave taken by the employee?
   b. What was the total amount of leave taken by the employee in terms of full-time equivalent days?

6. In the 2005-06 financial year to date, have any Ministerial staff members made sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application?

7. In the 2005-06 financial year to date, how many sick leave applications relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application were made by staff of the Ministry?

8. In the 2005-06 financial year to date, how many Ministerial staff members have taken sick leave relating to a workers compensation claim citing stress as an element or reason for their leave application where the period of sick leave was:
   a. Less than one month?
   b. Greater than one month but less than three months?
   c. Greater than three months but less than six months?
   d. Greater than six months but less than 12 months?
   e. Greater than 12 months?

9. Please provide the following information concerning each occasion during the 2005-06 financial year to date when a staff member has been granted sick leave relating to a workers compensation where stress was an element or reason for the sick leave application:
   a. The total cost or cost to date, in terms of wages etc, of the leave taken by the employee.
   b. The total amount of sick leave or the amount of sick leave taken to date by the employee in terms of full-time equivalent days.
(1) (a) Does the Ministry administer any acts, regulations, or statutory rules involving the levying of fees, fines or charges?
(b) If so, what are the names of these acts, regulations or statutory rules?

(2) What fees, fines or charges were levied by the Ministry pursuant to its administration of any acts, regulations or statutory rules, including:
(a) The name of each fee, fine or charge?
(b) The purpose of the relevant fee, fine or charge?
(c) The total amount of revenue raised by the levying of the relevant fee, fine or charge in the 2004-05 financial year?

3752 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—FEES AND FINES LEVIED—CURRENT LEVELS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—
With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) Which fees, fines or charges levied by the Ministry pursuant to its administration of the acts, regulations or statutory rules are determined by:
(a) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal?
(b) Statutory regulation?

(2) (a) What is the current level of each fee, fine or charge determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal and levied by the Ministry?
(b) How has this level varied over the last four financial years?

(3) (a) What is the current level of each fee, fine or charge determined by statutory regulation and levied by the Ministry?
(b) How has this level varied over the last four financial years?

(4) Of the fees, fines or charges levied by the Ministry which have had their level varied over the last three financial years (whether the level was determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal or statutory regulation), has the level of any fee, fine or charge increased at a rate greater than the consumer price index (CPI)?

3753 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—COMPENSATION FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—
With respect to the Ministry of Transport:
(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive compensation for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many claims for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property were made by Ministerial personnel during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?
(3) What was the total value of claims for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property made by Ministerial personnel during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number and total value of claims for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 50, Compensation for Damage to or Loss of Employee's Private Property made by Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(5) For each claim for damage to or loss of personal property in the course of employment made by Ministerial staff in the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date:
   (a) What was the item of personal property in respect of which the claim was made?
   (b) What was the nature of the loss or damage to the item of personal property which the staff member claimed?
   (c) What was the amount of the compensation claimed for loss or damage to the item of personal property by the staff member?
   (d) Were any claims lodged under the Injury Management and Worker's Compensation Act 1998 and/or under any insurance policy of the Ministry covering the damage to or loss of personal property of the employee and whether the relevant claim was accepted or rejected by the insurer?
   (e) If the claim was rejected by the insurer, was the compensation paid to the employee the amount necessary to repair the item or an amount for replacement of the item?
financial years to date?

3755 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—COST OF TRAVEL—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive assistance for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many applications for assistance to Ministerial personnel for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 were made by Ministerial staff during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of assistance provided to Ministerial staff for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of assistance and the total value of assistance provided to Ministerial staff for the cost of travel to and from work under the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 varied over the last three financial years?

3756 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—FIRST AID ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive a first aid allowance under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial staff received a first aid allowance under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of the first aid allowance provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?
(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of first aid allowances provided to Ministerial staff varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Of the Ministry's personnel receiving first aid allowances provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 6, how many has the Ministry funded in whole or in part in order to receive training for appointment as a First Aid Officer?

3757 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—FLYING ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive an allowance when required to work in flight under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 47 Flying Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many members of Ministry personnel received an allowance when required to work in flight under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 47 Flying Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of allowances provided to Ministry personnel required to work in flight under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 47 Flying Allowance during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How have the number of times a flying allowance was paid and the total value of allowances provided to Ministerial staff varied over the last four financial years?

3758 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MOBILE PHONE USE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How many employees/staff carry or use Ministry mobile telephones?

(2) What was the total amount of expenditure by staff on calls and charges involving the Ministry's mobile telephones in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?

(3) Please provide an analysis by classification and seniority level of staff issued with mobile telephones by the department and the amount spent by the Ministry on mobile telephone handsets, call charges and other usage fees according to the staff members classification and seniority level in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04.
   (b) 2004-05.
   (c) 2005-06 to date.
With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing and maintaining a Ministerial website in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
   (f) 2005-06?

(2) How much did the Ministry budget for costs associated with developing and maintaining a Ministerial website in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2000-01?
   (b) 2001-02?
   (c) 2002-03?
   (d) 2003-04?
   (e) 2004-05?
   (f) 2005-06?

(3) How much has the Ministry actually spent developing and maintaining the Ministerial website in the 2005-06 financial year to date?

(4) How many times was the Ministerial website updated in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Who has responsibility within the Ministry for dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services which are received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal?

(2)
   (a) Does the Ministry have a designated unit or feedback desk responsible for dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal?
   (b) If so, what is the name of this unit within the Ministry and how many staff members are employed to fulfil this function?

(3) Does the Ministry have any policies and/or procedures for dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal? If so, please provide the details of each.

(4) How much did the Ministry budget for costs associated with dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06?
(5) How much has the Ministry actually spent dealing with comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services received by the Ministry via the Ministerial web portal in the 2005-06 financial year to date?

3761 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL WEBSITE—EFFECTIVENESS TRACKING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) How does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of information delivery to the public via the Ministerial website?

(2) 
(a) What are the precise benchmarks against which the modifications to the Ministry website are assessed?
(b) How often is such assessment conducted in each financial year?

3762 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL WEBSITE—FEEDBACK—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Does the Ministry website contain a section where it invites comments or feedback from the public regarding the website and/or Ministerial services?

(2) How many emails were received by Ministry from the public via the Ministry's website during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) Of the emails received by the Ministry from the public via the Ministry's website during each of the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date, what is the breakdown by year and month of the number of emails which could be classified as:
(a) Complaints about the Ministerial website?
(b) Complaints about delivery of Ministerial services?
(c) Requests for further information about the Ministry and its services?
(d) Miscellaneous communications?

(4) Of the emails received by the Ministry from the public via the Ministry's website which could be characterised as complaints about the Ministerial website or complaints about delivery of Ministerial services, how many of the email complainants made in each of the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years to date received:
(a) A computer generated response to the email indicating that it had been received by the Ministry?
(b) A personalised email from a Ministerial staff member to seek further information or identify a possible remedy for the complaint?
(c) A telephone call from a Ministerial staff member to seek further information or identify a possible remedy for the complaint?

3763 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—GARAGE AND CARPORT ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff members receive a car space allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received a car space under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of the garage and carport allowances provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and the total value of car space allowances provided to Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Of the Ministry's personnel receiving garage and carport allowances provided under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 51 Garage and Carport Allowance what was the total amount paid to employees for the garaging of Ministerial vehicles while the employees were absent from their usual place of work during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?
(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive an overseas travelling allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many members of Ministerial personnel received an overseas travelling allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of overseas travelling allowances (please include spend on daily meal and incidental allowances) provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) What was the duration of the overseas travel (please indicate duration in terms of months and days overseas in each instance) taken by each staff member who received an overseas travel allowance under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 42 Overseas Travel and/or relevant Premier's Department Circulars in each of:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(5) In addition to overseas travel allowances provided to Ministerial personnel, what was the total value of payments met separately by the Ministry in respect of overseas travel by Ministerial personnel (see NSW Premiers Department Personnel Handbook March 2003, Chapter 7-13.5 in version of handbook updated December 2004) during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(6) How has the number of times an overseas travel allowance was paid and the total value of overseas travel allowances provided to Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(7) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on overseas travel allowances.

BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—TRAVELLING COMPENSATION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive travelling compensation under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?
(2) How many members of Ministerial personnel received travelling compensation under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of travelling compensation (please include spend on accommodation and related allowances, meal and incidental allowances and any adjustments to these which may have been approved) provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) What was the average duration of travel undertaken by staff members to whom the Ministry paid travelling compensation under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clauses 25 to 34 in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(5) How has the number of times travelling compensation was paid and the Ministry total spend on travel compensation (including associated spend by the Ministry on staff travel) varied over the last four financial years?

(6) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on travelling compensation.

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive an allowance for living in a remote area pursuant to the Public Sector Employment and Management (General) Regulation 1996, Part 5, Division 4 and/or Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 40 during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received an allowance for living in a remote area and what was the aggregate amount of such allowance paid to staff in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the aggregate amount of allowance paid to Ministerial staff living in a remote area in respect of travel on recreation leave (see NSW Premiers Department Personnel Handbook March 2003, Chapter 7 to 14.5 in version of handbook updated December 2004) in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?
(4) What was the aggregate amount of dependant allowance paid to Ministerial staff living in a remote area (see 'NSW Premiers Department Personnel Handbook March 2003', Chapter 7 to 14.2 and 14.3 in version of handbook updated December 2004) in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(5) How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of dependant allowances paid to Ministerial staff living in a remote area varied over the last four financial years?

3768 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—HOME OFFICE ALLOWANCE—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial staff receive an allowance for the use of a room at home as an office under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 44 Room at Home Used as an Office during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial staff received an allowance for the use of a room at home as an office under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 44 Room at Home Used as an Office during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of the home office allowances provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 44 Room at Home Used as an Office during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of home office allowances provided to Ministerial staff varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on home office allowances.

3769 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—SEMI-OFFICIAL TELEPHONE SUBSIDY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) Did any Ministerial personnel receive a subsidy in respect of their private telephone service at their principal place of residence under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 45 Semi-official Telephones during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2005-06 to date?

(2) How many Ministerial personnel received a subsidy in respect of their private telephone service at their principal place of residence under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 45 Semi-official Telephones during the following financial years:
   (a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(3) What was the total value of semi-official telephone subsidies (including subsidies for telephone installation, line connection and rental, call costs) provided to Ministerial personnel under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award 2002, clause 45 Semi-official Telephones during the following financial years:
(a) 2003-04?
(b) 2004-05?
(c) 2005-06 to date?

(4) How has the number of staff in receipt of and total value of semi-official telephone subsidies provided to Ministerial personnel varied over the last four financial years?

(5) Please provide a breakdown according to the recipient staff members classification (that is, as Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Officers other than SES and the remaining staff classifications) of the Ministry's aggregate spend in each of the last four financial years on semi-official telephone subsidies.

3770 BUDGET ESTIMATES—TRANSPORT—MINISTERIAL STAFF MANAGEMENT—Miss Gardiner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to the Ministry of Transport:

(1) 
(a) How many staff resigned in the 2004-05 financial year?
(b) How does that number compare with the preceding financial year?

(2) 
(a) How many staff were recruited in the 2004-05 financial year?
(b) How does that number compare with the preceding financial year?

(3) 
(a) How many staff have resigned in the 2005-06 financial year to date?
(b) How many staff have been recruited in the same period?

3771 ROADS—HARBOUR BRIDGE WALKING TOURS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads—

(1) Did the Roads and Traffic Authority sign a 30 year agreement in 1997 for the Harbour Bridge walking tours?

(2) 
(a) Is the annual gross revenue for this venture over $40 million, with a profit of $16 million in the 2003-04 financial year?
(b) Of revenue, did the taxpayer only receive around $2 million dollars in one year?

(3) Will this contract be re-negotiated to ensure a better deal for taxpayers?

3772 PLANNING—COUNCIL PLANNING—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) Has the Government recently released details of the Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) for New South Wales councils?

(2) Are these documents used as a template for future council planning and development?

(3) 
(a) In the drafting of these plans, has the Government ensured that the community is protected from exposure to brothels and adult shops around schools, residential areas, and churches?
(b) If not, will the Government do so?

John Evans
Clerk of the Parliaments

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